GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM FINANCE, REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE DEPARTMENT GANGTOK, SIKKIM

No

02 /Bud/Fin

dated: 4th April 2015

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The Vote on Account of the State Government for six months of 2015-16 ending 30th September 2015 passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly on 17th March 2015 has been assented by the Hon'ble Governor on 21st March 2015.

In view of the structural changes in the award of the 14th Finance Commission on transfer of resources to the state and delinking of some of the schemes from the financial year 2015-16, the Government has decided to release the followings payments only out of Vote on Account till passing of Budget for the current fiscal:-

- Salaries under Non Plan (including salaries grants and wages), pensions, interest payment, debt repayment, scholarship, stipends and normal maintenance etc. except in the following cases: a) Finance Commission's grants b) Modernisation of Police Force.
- 2. Salaries under State Plan (including salaries grants and wages) and continuing schemes under State Plan except in the following cases: a) Finance Commission's grants b) National e-Governance Action Plan, c) Modernisation of Police Force. d) Tourist Infrastructure, e) Backward Regions Grant Fund, f) Additional Central Assistance g) Special Central Assistance h) Special Plan Assistance.

Accordingly departments are requested to submit break up of Vote on Account up to the level of object heads keeping in view the Sl No 1 and 2 above to the Budget Division for authentication and to upload in the SIFMS.

A circular with format has been issued vide letter No 170/Fin/Bud dated 27th march 2015 for earmarked schemes excluding state earmarked against which unspent balance is available as on 31.3.2015. The details may also be submitted to the Budget Division as soon as possible to allow the departments to incur expenditure during the period of Vote on Account.

While utilising the fund under Vote on Account, it may be ensured that no expenditure on a "New Service" is incurred till demands for whole year is voted by the State Legislative Assembly and related appropriation Bill is assented to by the Hon'ble Governor.

Payments under continuing schemes as mentioned above under Plan and State share of Centrally Sponsored Schemes will be released with the clearance of the DPER&NECAD since sharing pattern of some of the Centrally Sponsored schemes have undergone changes as per Union Budget 2015-16.

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