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**Finance (B.Coord)Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-09.**

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From

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To

All Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries /
Secretaries to Government,
Department of Secretariat, Chennai-09.
All Heads of the Departments.

Sir / Madam,

Sub: IFHRMS – Allocation of RE 2020-21 till DDOs – Extended till
28.01.2021 – Reg.

- Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No.224, Finance (BG-I) Dept., Dt: 31.03.2020.
2. Government Letter No. 46519/Fin.(SS)/2020-1&3,Dt.:
24.12.2020 & 30.12.2020.
3. D.O Letter from ACS, Finance No.46134/Finance (SS)/2018,
Dt: 08.01.2021.
4. D.O Letter from ACS, Finance, D.O.Lr.No.1734 / Finance
(B.Coord) / 2021-1, Dt: 11.01.2021.

Attention is invited to the references cited.

2. As the entire State Treasuries and PAOs have gone live w.e.f. 1st November 2020, the Government has decided that the RE 2020-21 allocation shall invariably be done in the IFHRMS only by the HoDs and BCOs so that all the DDOs under the Government could spend the RE 2020-21 allocation through system distributed RE 2020-21 figures. Necessary detailed guidelines/ instructions have been issued to all Secretariat/HoDs in the Government letters first and second cited.

3. To ensure smooth State-wide implementation, the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance has also written the D.O Letter to all the District Collectors as well as the Secretaries to Government / HoDs for co-ordinating and ensuring the completion of RE 2020-21 allocation by the department officers at all levels within the prescribed time limits. In addition, a series of Web-Ex meetings have been conducted by Thiru.H.Krishnanunni, IAS., Joint Secretary to Government, Finance Department with budget officials of the HoDs in the past two weeks.

4. The initial cut-off for date given for RE 2020-21 allocation was 09.01.2021 which has been further extended up to 13.01.2021. Despite all these efforts, it is noticed that the BCO level allocation is proceeding at a very slow pace.

5. It is a fact that due to the economy measures announced by the Government in the wake of Covid-19, the provision for certain Non-Salary items have been reduced as early as in May 2020 itself and the RE 2020-21 allocation also reflects the same. The phased manner of implementation treasury Go-Live during the course of the financial year also seems to have created a few budgetary issues. So, in order to overcome these problems and to ensure that the Government fixed BE /RE 2020-21 allocations are not overspent, it is utmost essential that the latest RE 2020-21 figures are distributed across all DDOs in the State.

6. These issues have also been highlighted in all the Web-Ex meetings. It is also pertinent to mention that BE/RE allocation is a regular and mandatory duty and the responsibility of the Chief Controlling Officers and Sub-ordinate Controlling Officers even when the IFHRMS was not in place. After taking all possible efforts in sensitisation and providing support, the RE 2020-21 allocation process has not been completed even within the extended timeline.

7. After due consideration, the Government has decided to extend the timeline for completion of RE 2020-21 allocation process for one last time **till 28.01.2021** failing which all the bills except salary, pension, retirement benefits, contract payments, interest and repayments will be allowed only based on the RE 2020-21 allocation. **[this implies that whoever has not completed the RE 2020-21 allocation, such DDO groups will not be allowed to submit the bills to the treasuries] from 29.01.2021** onwards. Further, the Finance Department will not issue any further reminders in this matter as it is the bounden duty of the departments concerned to strictly adhere to the BE/RE allocations by following due fiscal norms/instructions issued from time to time. In addition, the departments are fully responsible for the lapses and are accountable before the appropriate Legislative Committees.

8. Therefore, the Secretariat/HoDs are once again advised to complete the RE 2020-21 allocation process at all the hierarchical levels under their control on or before the cut off date mentioned above. This letter is also hosted in the IFHRMS portal for easy and quick dissemination of information and necessary action at all the levels.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
21/01/2021

for Deputy Secretary to Government (Budget)