

F. No. 42(02)/PF-II/2014
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Public Finance (Central – I) Division

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North Block, New Delhi,
Dated – 29th December, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Continuation of Public Funded ongoing Schemes beyond 12th Five Year Plan: instructions reg.

Reference is invited to the Department of Expenditure's O.M. No.42(02)/PF-II/2014 dated 27th September, 2017 *vide* which a further interim extension was granted up to 31st December, 2017 to complete the appraisal and approval process of all schemes having financial implication of more than Rs.500 crore. Most Ministries/Departments have already concluded the process of appraisal/approval and few proposals are about to be appraised in currently scheduled EFC meetings. However, a few proposals have been received from different Ministries/Departments for further extension of this interim extension pending the completion of the required appraisal/approval procedure citing delays on account of third party independent evaluation, inter-ministerial consultations etc.

2. In view of such practical difficulties and considering the fact that few of the Ministries/Departments have large number of CSS/CS Schemes with a number of vertical/sub-schemes, for enabling them to complete this procedure and for smooth implementation of the ongoing schemes, the following instructions are issued:

- I. For all schemes for which the EFC memorandums have already been circulated for inter-ministerial consultations, but the approval of competent authority is pending, further interim extension is granted up to 28th February, 2018 to obtain the approval of the competent authority.
- II. All schemes for which EFC proposals are yet to be circulated for inter-ministerial consultations will be considered on a case to case basis strictly depending on the justification for the delay in their submission, merit for continuation of the scheme based on the outputs /outcomes achieved as reflected in the third party independent evaluation, whether appropriate restructuring of the scheme has been carried out in accordance with the evaluation report, whether unspent balances have been taken into account or not etc. However no such proposals will be considered if received after 31.01.2018.

- III. It is reiterated that while completing the appraisal/approval procedure, the Ministries/Departments may ensure that the financial implications of their proposals are in sync with MTEF limits of their Ministries /Departments.
- IV. The posts which are created for the schemes shall continue to exist *pari passu* till the period of extension as the case may be depending on the extent of such extension. However, if ongoing schemes continue after the appraisal/approval process for the remaining period of the FFC, the administrative Ministries/Departments are required to refer the proposals for continuation of such posts beyond the date of interim extension to the Department of Expenditure.
3. This issues with the approval of the Finance Minister.



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