

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Finance Department
Budget Branch
Nabanna, Howrah-711 102

No. 1400-F.B.

Howrah, the 30th March, 2023

M E M O R A N D U M

The undersigned is directed to say that The West Bengal Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2023 has been passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. Copies of the West Bengal Appropriation (No. 2) Act, 2023 have been forwarded to the Administrative Departments under Finance (Budget) Department **Memo. No. 1399-F.B. dated 30th March, 2023.**

(A) The Governor has now been pleased to decide as follows:

(i) To release fund upto **50%** of the whole year's Budget Provision for the financial year 2023-24, relating to **Administrative Expenditure** for **Salary Items** (*including Salary Grants & Wages*), **Diet (21-01)**, **Drug (21-02)**, **Other Hospital Consumables (21-03)**, **Medical Gases including Oxygen (21-05)**, **Electricity Charges (13-01)**, **Telephone Charges (13-02)**, **Hospital and Sanitary Charges (86-00)** and **Capitation Fees for Insured Medical Practitioners (28-01)**.

(ii) To release fund up to **50%** of the whole years' Budget Provision for the financial year 2023-24 relating to **Administrative Expenditure** under "**Scholarship & Stipends (34-00)**" for Health & Family Welfare Department.

(iii) To release fund upto **25%** of the whole years' Budget provision for the financial year 2023-24, for **other Non-Salary items** under **Administrative Expenditure** except the heads of account related to State Disaster Risk Management Fund (SDRMF) under the major head "2245-Relief on account of Natural Calamities".

(iv) Within the powers delegated under Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 1977 as amended from time to time or by virtue of the powers delegated in specific cases, the Administrative Departments / Controlling Authorities may sanction expenditure out of the Administrative Expenditure **except "33-Subsidies" and "55-Loans & Advances"**.

(v) To release fund under "**55-Loans and Advances**" up to **50%** of whole years' budget provision for the financial year 2023-24, for **payment of salary / wages** to the employees of the Public Sector Undertakings under the Administrative control of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles Department, Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Industry, Commerce & Enterprises Department, Health & Family Welfare Department, Public Enterprises and Industrial Reconstruction Department, Transport Department and Public Works Department, subject to the condition that *the drawal in each month will be limited as per actual requirement.*

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(vi) To release fund in favour of Transport Department against “**33-Subsidies**” up to **50%** of Budget provision for the financial year 2023-24 under the major head of account “**3055-Road Transport**”, for payment of salary, pension and other retirement benefits in respect of the employees of the Transport Corporations and also release fund under “**7055-Loans for Roads Transport**” and “**7056-Loans for Inland Water Transport**” up to **30%** of Budget provision for the year 2023-24, subject to the condition that *the drawal in each month will be limited as per actual requirement.*

(vii) To release fund relating to **State Development Schemes** up to **33% of the whole years’ Budget provision** of the financial year 2023-24. The Administrative Department may sanction expenditure in cases of administratively approved schemes **except** in the following cases for which concurrence from the Finance Department in Budget Branch will have to be obtained:

- (a) Schemes relating to EAP, 15th Finance Commission, all Centrally Sponsored Schemes & Central Sector Schemes and any other schemes for which central assistance is available.
- (b) Release of fund under 33-Subsidies, 55-Loans and Advances, 54-Investment.

(viii) To release fund relating to **RIDF** under **State Development Scheme** up to **25%** of the whole years’ Budget Provision for the financial year 2023-24.

(ix) To release fund up to **33%** of the Budget Provision for 2023-24 for implementation of the flagship schemes “**Jai Bangla**” and “**Lakshmir Bhandar**” under **State Development Schemes** subject to the condition that *the drawal in each month will be limited as per actual requirement.*

(B) While issuing orders for sanctioning expenditure in exercise of the powers delegated under this Memorandum, the following sentence should be inserted in such orders “This order issues in exercise of the powers delegated under Finance Department **Memo No. 1400–FB dated 30.03.2023**”.

(C) The powers delegated to the Administrative Departments / Controlling Authorities to release fund are subject to the following conditions:-

- i) The project / scheme for which fund is to be released has been administratively approved following the existing procedure after obtaining concurrence of Financial Advisor within the limit of **Rs. 1.5 crore and Rs. 30 lakh** and concurrence of Finance Department for expenditure exceeding the aforesaid limit, as the case may be, as per Finance Department Memo No. 1971-F(Y) dated 30.06.2021 read with Memo No. 2391-F(Y) dated 10.06.2022.
- ii) The amount to be released can be accommodated within the allotted fund out of budget provision under project / scheme;
- iii) There are no deviations –technical or otherwise – from the approved norms;
- iv) Observance of austerity measures imposed by State Government vide Finance Department Memo No. 1971-F(Y) dated 30.06.2021 read with Memo No. 2391-F(Y) dated 10.06.2022.

(D) This Order will be effective from **01.04.2023**.


(M. Pant)
Additional Chief Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal


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1. The Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
2. The Principal Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
3. The Accountant General (R W & LBA), West Bengal, C.G.O. Complex, 3rd M.S.O. Building, 5th Floor, Block-DF, Salt Lake, Sector-I, Kolkata – 700 064.
4. The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal, 8, Lyons Range, 2nd floor, Kolkata-1.
5. The Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary/Special Secretary/Joint Secretary,
.....Department.
6.Group/Branch, Finance Department.
7. The Commissioner,.....Division.
8. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-I, 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kol-12.
9. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-II, P-I, Hyde Lane Kolkata-73.
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13. Software Development and Support Group, Finance Department, Budget Branch, for necessary software application in the Budget package of Finance Department.
14. Shri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance Department, for uploading this order in the Finance Department's Website.
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(I. N. Kundu)

O.S.D. & E.O. Special Secretary to the
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