

The Finance Department has viewed the matter of non submission of pending Utilization Certificates by the aforesaid Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) within stipulated time very seriously. Considering all aspects and in pursuance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 08/11/2019, Point No. 6 (d), the salaries of the following defaulting Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) are hereby stopped forthwith.

Sl No.	Department	Name of DDO	No. of UCs pending	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	Home & Political Department	Member Secretary Assam State Legal Service Authority, Kamrup	1	16700000
2.	Education (Secondary) Department	Director Secondary Education, Kahilipara, Guwahati	1	46724000
3.	Guwahati Development Department	Chief Executive Officer, GMDA	4	3868459810
4.	Welfare of Minority Development Department	Director, Char Area Development, Jatia, Guwahati	30	811690028
5.	Agriculture Department	Director, Agriculture, Khanapara	15	1436781436
6.	Planning & Development Department (T&D)	ADC (Dev)/ Sr.Planning Officer, Tezpur	1	652000
		Deputy Commissioner, Dhemaji	6	41850000

Treasury Officers concerned are hereby directed not to honour their salary bills without leave from Finance (A & F) Department.

However, once completion of pendency position of Utilization Certificates against the respective Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO), this restriction shall be revoked accordingly.

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Finance Department

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Government of Assam
Finance (Audit & Fund) Department
Janata Bhawan
Dispur, Guwahati-6

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Dated Dispur the 5th December, 2019

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Rule 517 (Appendix 16) of Assam Financial Rule provides that every grant made for a specified object is subject to the implied condition that the grant shall be spent on the object within a reasonable time and any portion of the grant not required for expenditure shall duly be surrendered to the Government. The CAG in its report on State Finance for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2018 has pointed out that there is a significant number of outstanding Utilization Certificates pending against grants released to various departments since 2001-2002. As per the report, for the year 2016-17, the total number of pending Utilization Certificates was 1782 amounting to Rs. 12282.52 crore across 53 departments. Such huge pendency of Utilization Certificate with the departments reflects of poor compliance with regard to financial norms by the Administrative Departments and is a matter of grave concern for the State Government of Assam.

With a view to addressing this problem of timely submission of Utilization Certificates, Finance Department had held a series of review meeting to impress upon the Departments/DDOs for immediate submission of pending Utilization Certificates.

The Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam assured in the Assembly that pendency of Utilization Certificates for the Year 2016-17 would reduce to NIL by 15th September, 2019. Subsequently, Finance Department undertook multiple conciliation camps and specific reviews towards this end. The Accountant General (Accounts), Assam provided necessary assistance to various Administrative Departments in submission of the Utilization Certificates. The same has been periodically reviewed at the level of Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam and separately by the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department and the Principal Secretary, Finance Department and others.

Despite such efforts, reviews and sensitization by Finance Department, 7 (seven) Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) under 6 (six) Administrative Departments could not bring down their pendency to NIL, although time for submission of Utilization Certificate was extended up to 25th November, 2019.

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1. The Accountant General (A&E), Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati-29.
2. PPS to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
3. OSD to Finance Minister, Assam for kind appraisal of Hon'ble Finance Minister.
4. P.S. to all Ministers/Ministers of State.
5. SO to Chief Secretary, Assam.
6. All Addl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Commissioners & Secretaries/Secretaries to the Government of Assam.
7. All Commissioners of Divisions.
8. The Secretary to the Governor of Assam, Raj Bhawan, Kharghuli, Guwahati-4.
9. All Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil).
10. All Administrative Departments/Heads of Departments.
11. The Resident Commissioner/ Joint Resident Commissioner, Assam House, New Delhi/ Mumbai/Chennai.
12. The Trade Adviser & Director of Movements, Government of Assam, 8-Russell Street, Assam Bhawan, Kolkata.
13. OSD cum Deputy Secretary, GAD, Assam Bhawan, Shillong.
14. All Sr. Financial Advisers/ Financial Advisers /Finance & Accounts Officers.
15. All Treasury Officers concerned for information and necessary action.
16. Director, Information & Public Relation, Last Gate, Guwahati-6.
- ✓ 17. e-Governance Unit, Finance (Estt-B) Department for uploading the above order in the Government of Assam portal.

By order etc.

(Fulbar Ali)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Finance (A & F) Department
