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Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(Budget Division)
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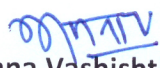
New Delhi,
23rd March, 2021.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Cash Management System in Central Government – Modified Exchequer Control Based Expenditure Management.

Attention of Ministries/Departments is drawn to this Ministry's O.M.No.15(39)-B(R)/2016 dated 21.8.2017 regarding 'Cash Management Guidelines' under Modified Exchequer Control Based Expenditure Management. The following stipulations were made in paragraphs 4(iii)(a), (b) and (f) of the O.M. *ibid*:

- (a) To the extent possible, the bulk expenditure items of more than ₹ 2,000 crore may be timed in the last month of each quarter to utilize the direct tax receipt inflows in June, September, December, and March. The releases may be kept within 17th (or next working day if 17th is a holiday) and 25th (or next working day if 25th is a holiday) in these months;
 - (b) Within the MEP/QEP, a calendar of big releases of ₹ 200 crore to ₹2,000 crore shall be prepared to build certainty in cash outflows, as far as possible. The range of dates of such releases may be kept between 21st (or next working day if 21st is a holiday) and 25th (or next working day if 25th is a holiday) of a month to take advantage of the GST (excise duty and service tax) inflows;
 - (f) Prior permission from Budget Division shall be a pre-requisite for any single payment release in excess of ₹ 5,000 crore. The FAs may guard against attempts to deliberately split expenditure to stay within limits.
2. Considering the availability of limited time for incurring expenditure in the current fiscal as provided in RE 2020-21/2nd Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2020-21, the above mentioned conditions are relaxed as a one-time measure with immediate effect till 31st March, 2021.
3. This has the approval of Secretary(Expenditure).


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