F. No.14-4/2017-CA-II  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
(CA-II Section)  

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 15th May, 2017

To,

The Agriculture Production Commissioner / Principal Secretary / Secretary  
(Agriculture/Horticulture)  
State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

Subject: Utilization of unspent funds out of grants-in-aid released in previous financial years and accrued interest thereon for implementation of Plan Schemes of DAC& FW during FY 2017-18-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of this Department’s Budget and Accounts Section’s communication No. 9-7/2016-B&A, dated 19th April, 2017 on the subject cited above and to say that the unspent balances available with the State Governments and Implementing Agencies as on 01.04.2017 from the grants-in-aid released during 2016-17 under National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is being authorized for utilization for implementing the same in the current financial year upto September, 2017 or till further orders, as per Para (2)(i) of the above mentioned instruction dated 19th April, 2017. The exact amount of unspent balances available with the State Governments/Implementing Agencies as on 01.04.2017 along with the interest earned may be intimated category-wise and mission-wise alongwith Audited Utilization Certificate in the prescribed format.

2. Further, the details of the unspent balances available from the funds released before 2016-17 may be sent separately with full justification so that the matter for revalidation could be taken up with the Finance Division of the Department.

3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Utilization of unspent funds out of grants-in-aid released in previous financial years and accrued interest thereon for implementation of Plan Schemes of DAC&FW during FY 2017-18 – regarding.

I am directed to refer to Department of Expenditure’s O.M. No. 42(02)/PF-II/2014 dated 23.02.2017 regarding instructions for Continuation of ongoing Schemes beyond 12th Five Year Plan wherein Ministry of Finance has, inter alia, clarified that pending appraisal/approval of schemes of a Ministry/Department, an interim extension for a period of 6 months beyond 31.3.2017 i.e. till 30th September 2017 is granted for all the schemes that the Department wants to continue without changing the scope, nature and coverage of the scheme and without creating additional posts.

2. Grants-in-aid are released every year to State Governments/Implementing Agencies for implementation of various schemes of this Department. It may so happen that grant-in-aid released during a particular financial year may remain unutilized, in full or in part, at the close of that financial year. Certain implementing Agencies also earn interest from grants-in-aid deposited in banks. Specific authorization of the Department is required for utilization of unspent balances and interest earned thereon so brought forward, for utilization in the next financial year. In view of the above clarification of Ministry of Finance, and in order to enable State Governments/Implementing Agencies to utilise unspent funds and accrued interest, if any, without loss of time in the current financial year, it is clarified as follows:-

(i) Unspent balance of grant-in-aid released in the previous financial year, i.e., 2016-17 and interest earned thereon, if any, in case money is kept in Saving Bank Accounts, will be counted towards grant-in-aid under that particular scheme for the current year. This amount may be authorized by respective Programme Divisions by automatic revalidation for utilization on approved activities of the scheme at beginning of current financial year to be utilised upto September, 2017.

(ii) Revalidation of unspent balance will be adjusted against release of first/second instalment and allocation of current financial year will be reduced to that extent. However, Programme Divisions can also decide the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for 2017-18 in respect of States on the basis of availability of funds (Allocation under BE 2017-18 (+) unspent balance as on 1.4.2017 out of funds released in 2016-17).
Revalidation of unspent balances of previous year available with Central Implementing Agencies, ICAR Research Institutes and other Nodal designated agencies to whom funds are released directly by Central Government and where funds are maintained in Saving Bank Accounts can be decided on the basis of availability of total funds (Allocation under BE 2017-18 (+) unspent balance as on 1.4.2017 out of funds released in 2016-17 (+) interest accrued on unspent amount of previous year). AAP 2017-18 have to compulsorily include unfinished / spill over activities as also the committed liabilities of previous financial year.

(iii) Balance sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts of State Governments shall clearly reflect unspent balances carried forward to the next financial year at the beginning of that financial year. Balance sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts of other Implementing Agencies / ICAR Research Institutes and Nodal designated agencies to whom funds are released directly by Central Government and whose funds are maintained in Saving Bank Accounts shall clearly reflect unspent balance and amount earned as interest, as the case may be, at the beginning of the financial year, so that these amounts are accounted for in a transparent and unambiguous manner.

3. As regards revalidation of unspent balances from out of funds released before 2016-17 for utilization in 2017-18, revalidation will be done only with the concurrence of IFD for which proposals with full justification will have to be sent on file to IFD.

4. This issues with the approval of AS&FA.

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