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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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From

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Under Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Secretary to Government,
The Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government,
The Secretary to Government,
The EIC-cum- Secretary to Govt.
All Departments

Sub: - Proceedings of the 4th Meeting of the "Apex Committee" held on
03.03.2010 at 12.15 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary,
Orissa.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the proceedings of the 4th meeting of "Apex Committee" taken by Chief Secretary, Orissa on 03.03.2010 to review submission of compliance notes on audit paras of C&AG Reports, A.G.IRs/Paras and ATN on Recommendations of PAC for your kind information and needful action.

Yours faithfully,

b 20.3.10

Memo No. 12388 /F., Dt. 20.3.10 Under Secretary to Government
Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Senior Private Secretary to Chief Secretary for kind information of Chief Secretary.

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Memo No. 12389 (8) /F., Dt. 20.3.10 Under Secretary to Government
Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Private Secretary to Principal Secretary, Finance Department / Private Secretaries to Special Secretaries / Private Secretaries to all Additional Secretaries for kind information of Principal Secretary/ Special Secretaries/ Additional Secretaries.

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Memo No. 12390 (8) /F., Dt. 20.3.10 Under Secretary to Government
Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to all Joint Secretaries/ Deputy Secretaries of Finance Department for information and necessary action.

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Memo No. 12391 (2) /F., Dt. 20.3.10 Under Secretary to Government
Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Principal A.G (Civil Audit), Orissa, Bhubaneswar / AG, (CW & RA), Orissa, Bhubaneswar for information.

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Under Secretary to Government

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 4TH MEETING OF APEX COMMITTEE HELD ON 03.03.2010
AT 12.15 PM IN THE 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE HALL OF SECRETARIAT UNDER THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY, ORISSA**

1. The 4th Meeting of the Apex Committee was held on 03.03.2010 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Orissa. The names of the participants are at Annexure-I.
2. The Agenda notes prepared and circulated by Finance Department formed the basis of discussion.
3. Initiating the discussion, Chief Secretary briefly informed that the purpose of holding the Apex Committee Meeting is to review the Action Taken by the Departmental Monitoring Committees (DMC) and to ensure timely submission of compliance to the reports of the C&AG of India (Civil & RR) as well as furnishing of ATNs on recommendations of PAC, besides monitoring compliance to Inspection Reports of Accountant General.
4. In the last meeting of Apex Committee held on 14.05.2008, the Departments were advised to conduct Departmental Monitoring Committee Meeting once in every month and the concerned FAs and AFAs should take the responsibility to convene such meetings. But only 42 DMC meetings have been held by 17 Departments during the year 2009-10 (till the end of January, 2010) which is far behind the target. Other Departments have not convened a single meeting of DMC during the year in spite of having heavy pendency in submission of compliance to the C&AG Reports, PAC Recommendations and AG IRs. The Chief Secretary once again instructed that despite all other important works there would be no harm to convene DMC Meeting as several meetings other than the DMC meeting are conducted by the Department in regular intervals. Focusing on the Departments in which not a single DMC Meeting is held the Chief Secretary suggested that in spite of the Assembly Session DMC Meetings should be taken place in each Department in the month of March 2010. Such Meetings may be conducted under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary/Addl. Secretary of the concerned Department in the absence of Secretary.

5. The pending position of ATNs, Audit Paras of the C&AG Report (Civil & RR) was reviewed by the Chief Secretary in which he desired to know the deadline for reducing the pendency to zero. Discussion was made with the Secretaries of the Departments like Excise, Forest & Environment, FS & CW, H & FW, R.D, Revenue & DM and water Resources having more numbers of pendency. Some of the Departments have explained the improvement made till date and some also expressed the difficulty in submission of compliances. The Chief Secretary advised that in spite of all the hurdles, the Departments should take some extra efforts with the existing hands to comply the old audit objections.
6. Besides, reviews have also been made on holding of T.C Meetings, Staff Meetings, and Compliance to AG IRs / Paras, Draft Paras and regularization of Excess Expenditure. While reviewing Department wise pendency, the Chief Secretary observed that nobody from Panchayat Raj Department attended the meeting though they have the largest number of IR Paras pending.

After detail discussion the following decisions were taken:-

- All Departments would conduct the meeting of Monitoring Committee once every month and convening of such meeting would be the responsibility of concerned FAs/AFAs. There should be a DMC meeting in March,2010 despite all other engagements.
- Compliance to AG IRs and Paras are to be attended to promptly and Triangular Committee Meeting should be held regularly to settle the outstanding IRs/Paras.
- ATNs on Recommendations of PAC relating to 10th and 11th Assembly period should be attended to avoid any adverse remarks by the Hon'ble PAC.

- Compliance to the outstanding Audit Paras appearing in the C&AG Reports (Civil & RR) should be furnished by the end of April 2010 in order to make the pendency as zero.
- Departments should reconcile the pendency position in consultation with O/o-the A.G, Orissa and intimate them to delete the existing pendency, if it happens to be related to some other Department.
- All Departments were advised to attend Draft Paras immediately on receipt of the same.
- Staff Meetings should be conducted by each Department regularly following the Secretariat Instructions and Rules of Business.
- Compliance note on excess expenditure of Rs.15.91 Crore and Rs.15.04 Crore incurred by Forest and Env. Department in the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively should be furnished to Finance Department by Forest Department without further delay.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

ANNEXURE-I**ATTENDANCE SHEET**

| Sl. No. | Name | Designation |
|----------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1. | Shri G. Mohan Kumar | Principal Secretary, F & ARD Department |
| 2. | Shri S. Srinivasan | Principal Secretary, Excise Department |
| 3. | Shri Ashok Dalwai | Principal Secretary, School & M.E Department |
| 4. | Shri Arun Panda | Principal Secretary, H & UD Department |
| 5. | Shri U.N. Behera | Principal Secretary, Forest & Env. Department |
| 6. | Shri M.S Padhi | Commissioner-cum-Secretary, H.E Department |
| 7. | Shri A.P Padhi | Secretary, Home Department |
| 8. | Smt. Arati Ahuja | Secretary, Textiles & Handloom Department |
| 9. | Shri S.C Mohapatra | Secretary, Water Resources Department |
| 10. | Smt. Anu Garg | Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department |
| 11. | Shri Satyabrata Sahu | Secretary, C & T Department |
| 12. | Shri R.K Sharma | Secretary, Revenue & D.M Department |
| 13. | Shri Jyoti Prakash Das | Commissioner-cum-Director, O.B.C |
| 14. | Shri P.K Pradhan | Director, Sports & Youth Services |
| 15. | Shri Panchanan Dash | Special Secretary, Industries |
| 16. | Shri R.N Kar | Director, Culture |
| 17. | Shri G. Hota | Addl. Secretary, Law Department |
| 18. | Shri G.C Panigrahi | Addl. Secretary, Law Department |
| 19. | Shri S.P. Mishra | Addl. Secretary, L & E Department |
| 20. | Shri N.K Nayak | Addl. Secretary, R.D Department |
| 21. | Mrs. B.M Prusty | F.A-cum-Addl. Secretary, R.D Department |
| 22. | Shri Jagannath Pradhan | F.A-cum-Addl. Secretary, W.R Department |
| 23. | Shri R.N Jena | F.A-cum-C.A.O, W.R Department |
| 24. | Shri Mangalu Ch. Kisan | F.A-cum-C.A.O., OLIC, W.R Department |
| 25. | Shri B.K Das | F.A-cum-Addl. Secretary, W.R Department |
| 26. | Shri Narendra Pr. Sethi | F.A-cum-Addl. Secretary, F & Env. Department |
| 27. | Shri Srinivas Mohapatra | F.A-cum-Addl. Secretary, S& ME Department |

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| 28. | Shri B.K Das | F.A-cum-Addl. Secretary, Home Department |
| 29. | Shri G.C Panda | F.A-cum Joint Secretary, G.A Department |
| 30. | Shri P.K Sahu | F.A-cum Joint Secretary, FS & CW Department |
| 31. | Shri P. Biswal | F.A-cum Joint Secretary, FS & CW Department |
| 32. | Shri B.K Dash | F.A-cum Joint Secretary, Energy Department |
| 33. | Shri A.C. Samantray | F.A-cum Joint Secretary, ST & SC Department |
| 34. | Smt. Jayashree Tripathy | A.F.A-cum-Under Secretary, Textile & Handloom Department |
| 35. | Shri S.K Suar | A.F.A-cum-Under Secretary, H & FW Department |