

**F. No. 42(02)/PF-II/2014**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Finance**  
**Department of Expenditure**

North Block, New Delhi.  
Dated :27<sup>th</sup>, March, 2017

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject : Continuation of ongoing Schemes beyond 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan : Instructions regarding.**

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Reference is invited to this Department's O.M. No. 42(02)/PF-II/2014 dated February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 on the guidelines regarding continuation of ongoing schemes beyond 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. Proposals from various Ministries/Departments are being received for approval of interim extension pending the required appraisal/approval. In view of several queries & suggestions received from various Ministries in this regard, the following instructions are further issued :

- (i) Pending appraisal / approval of schemes of a Ministry / Department, an interim extension for a period of six months beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 i.e. till 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 is granted for all the schemes that the Ministry/Department wants to continue without changing the scope, nature and coverage of the scheme and without creating additional posts. Ministries/Departments may however, discontinue those schemes which were sanctioned till the end of 2016-17 and which are now proposed for discontinuation.
- (ii) For schemes with financial implication of more than Rs. 500 Crore, the Financial Advisors may prepare a list of all such schemes which the Ministry/Department is proposing for continuation beyond 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. This list should be sent to the Department of Expenditure along with reasons for such continuation and expected outcomes thereon, by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 indicating the financial outlay proposed for such scheme in BE 2017-18 and the likely expenditure in the first two quarters.
- (iii) This extension is granted only for a period of six months after March, 2017 i.e. till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 by which time the appraisal / approval of all such schemes should be completed as per the laid down procedure. No further extension shall be granted for continuation of the schemes.
- (iv) The posts which are created for the schemes shall continue to exist till the period of extension i.e., till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Further, if the ongoing scheme continues after the prescribed appraisal in the remaining period of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, the Administrative Ministries / Departments are required to refer the proposals for continuation of such posts beyond 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 to the Department of Expenditure.
- (v) If the information as per (ii) above is not made available to the Department of Expenditure by the stipulated date, FA of the Ministry/ Department will not authorize any releases under the scheme without approval of Department of Expenditure.

This issues with the approval of the Finance Minister.

  
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