Department of Science & Technology (Office of JS & FA)

Sub: Changes in Grant-in-Aid provisions as per GFR 2017

Whereas GFR 2017 effective from FY 2017-18 are applicable to all Central Government Ministries/ Departments, attached and subordinate bodies and deemed to be applicable to ABs (except to the extent the bye laws of the AB provides for separate Financial Rules which have been approved by the Government), below are major modifications in Grant in aid provisions vis-à-vis earlier provisions of GFR 2005 and brought to notice of all PDs for necessary action:

1. Creation of autonomous institutions by an Autonomous Body [Rule 229 (ii)]:

Same appraisal/approval process as is required for creation of an Autonomous Body i.e. Cabinet Approval, applies here.

Creation of Corpus Fund [Rule 229 (vi)]:

Corpus Fund if created out of Budgetary allocation requires prior concurrence of MoF. If created out of internal accruals, requires approval of administrative Ministry/Department.

Review of user charges [Rule 229 (vi)]:

GB to review user charges/sources of internal revenue at least once a year and inform the Administrative Ministry

4. Financial Advice for Autonomous Bodies [rule 229 (viii)]:

All Autonomous Bodies to designate an officer of appropriate level to render financial advice whose concurrence shall be obtained for sanction and incurring of expenditure. Financial limits upto which concurrence is mandatory may be drawn up by each organisation.

CEO of AB is responsible for overall financial management of AB.

Refund of interest and other earnings: [Rule 230 (8)]:

All interests and other earnings against Grant n Aid or advances should be mandatorily remitted to CFI immediately after finalization of accounts. Such advances should not be adjusted against further release.

6. No UC for payments mode under DBT-Rule 241.

ABs and other grantee organisations may be intimated of above changes in GFR provisions for their strict adherence as per Rules

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