



FINANCE [BUDGET GENERAL - I] DEPARTMENT

G.O.No.178, Dated 20th June 2022.

(Subakiruthu, Aani-6, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2053)

ABSTRACT

COVID-19 – Economy in expenditure - Control of expenditure introduced in 2021-22 – Continuation of austerity measures on certain major items of expenditure in the year 2022-2023 with subtle modifications - Orders - Issued.

Read :-

1. G.O.Ms.No.249, Finance (BG.I) Department, Dated 21.05.2020.
2. Government Letter No.16069/Finance (BG-I) Department/2020-3, dated 18.06.2020.
3. G.O.Ms.No.145, Finance (B.Coord) Department, Dated 26.05.2022.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, as part of the economic measures taken to combat devastating impact caused by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic during the years 2020-21 & 2021-22, the Government had adopted certain austerity measures to control the expenditure and imposed cuts in the allocation made under certain select object heads in Budget Estimates 2020-2021, irrespective of all demands for grants and also directed all the PSUs, Local Bodies, Universities, Autonomous Boards and other Public entities that the expenditure towards the following are banned until further orders:-

- i. Presentation of gifts, bouquets, shawls, mementoes, garlands and similar articles.
- ii. Official functions, gatherings including conferences, seminars, workshops and cultural programmes of more than 20 persons, except for officials review meetings.
- iii. All official lunches and dinners and entertainment.

2. In the Government letter 2nd read above, clarifications had been issued for proper understanding of the issues and effective implementation of the above said economy measures.

3. Though the financial situation of the State continues to be tight due to various reasons including uncertainty over continuation of GST compensation after June, 2022, in the larger administrative interest, the Government felt revisiting of orders issued in the G.O.Ms.No.249, Finance (BG-I) Department, dated 21-05-2020 is necessary.

4. Therefore, Government have decided to make certain changes in the economy measures enforced in Government Order 1st read above. Accordingly, Government hereby direct that the austerity measures ordered in the Government Order 1st read above, will continue and be changed in respect of provisions made in Budget 2022-2023 as given below:

S. No.	Item	Measures enforced in the G.O.(Ms). No.249, Finance (BG-I) Department, dated 21.05.2020	Changes to be adhered to in the financial year 2022-2023
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	305 Office Expenses – 02 Other Contingencies	A flat 20% cut in BE 2020-21	Expenditure shall be allowed subject to provisions in the BE 2022-2023, with strict adherence of Quarterly Control of Appropriation System.
2	305 Office Expenses – 05 Furniture	The expenditure should be restricted to very exceptional cases like creation of new offices and upkeep of existing infrastructure in offices	Status quo shall be continued for 2022-2023 also.
		50% cut in BE 2020-21	Expenditure shall be allowed as per provision in BE 2022-2023, subject to adherence of Quarterly Control of Appropriation System.
3	308 Advertising and Publicity – 02 Exhibition	25% cut in BE 2020-21	Expenditure shall be allowed without any cut as per provision in BE 2022-2023, subject to adherence of Quarterly Control of Appropriation System.

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4	313 01 Hospitality / Entertainment Expenditure	Official lunches, dinner and other entertainment are banned until further orders whether on Government account or funded by PSUs or Autonomous Boards	Ban is revoked.
		50% cut in BE 2020-21	Expenditure shall be allowed as per the provision in BE 2022-2023, subject to adherence of Quarterly Control of Appropriation System.
5	319 Machinery and Equipments – 01 Purchase	Except for essential services providers like Health and Family Welfare and Fire & Rescue Services coming under Externally Aided Projects, the procurement of machinery & equipment by the other departments shall be postponed for a year	Status quo shall be continued in 2022-2023.
		Cut of 25% in BE 2020-21	Expenditure shall be allowed as per provision in BE 2022-2023, subject to adherence of Quarterly Control of Appropriation System.

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6	321 Motor Vehicles – 01 Purchase	Total ban on purchase of new vehicles except for emergency services like Medical/ Ambulatory service, Police and Fire Services, VVIP security etc., 50% cut in BE 2020-21	Ban on purchase of new vehicles shall be continued except for replacement of condemned vehicles. Expenditure shall be allowed limited to the provision in BE 2022-2023, subject to adherence of Quarterly Control of Appropriation System.
7	372 01 Training	Except for fundamental/ foundation training programmes as part of the probation/ promotion and COVID-19 related training, all other trainings including training abroad should be strictly avoided. 50% cut in BE 2020-21	Restrictions shall be relaxed. Expenditure shall be allowed subject to the provision in BE 2022-2023, subject to adherence of Quarterly Control of Appropriation System.
8	371 01 Printing Charges	25% reduction in BE provisions	Expenditure shall be allowed subject to provision in BE 2022-2023, subject to adherence of Quarterly Control of Appropriation System.

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9	376 Computer and Accessories - 01 Purchase	Purchase of new computers and accessories will not be allowed except for replacement of very old and dysfunctional systems	Restriction is relaxed.
		25% cut in BE 2020-21	Expenditure shall be allowed subject to provision in the BE 2022-2023, subject to adherence of Quarterly Control of Appropriation System.
10	Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance	Permission for official travel should be given judiciously and restrict only to absolutely essential official requirements. Regular review meetings can be organized through video conferencing and tele-conferencing in a secure environment	Restriction is continued
		Foreign travel at Government cost is not permitted.	Based on need and in unavoidable circumstances, permission may be granted.
		Air travel within State is not permitted for officials unless the cost of air fare is less than or equal to cost of eligible train fare	Air travel within the State shall be permitted in economy class for officers eligible for air travel.

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		Journey by air outside the State is also restricted and the Resident Commissioners of Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi shall be deputed to attend Government of India meetings in New Delhi as far as possible	Status quo is continued for 2022-2023.
		Travel by air in Executive class is not permitted for officers of any pay grade	Travel by air in Executive class shall be permitted only for officers in Apex scale of pay.
		The permissible rates of Daily Allowances shall be reduced by 25%. Only 75% of eligible amount shall be allowed to be drawn subject to rounding off to next 10 rupees for all categories of officials / non-officials. This will come into effect for the journeys performed after the date of issue of this order.	Restriction is revoked.
		General transfers shall be kept on hold for 2020-21 to minimize expenditure on transfer travel expenses. Only transfers on administrative grounds by an authority higher than the authority normally empowered to transfer and mutual request transfers will alone be allowed.	Status quo is continued.

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11	301 Salaries – 07 Travel Concession	As the travel needs to be minimized and reduced in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, leave travel concession is deferred for all categories of employees and teachers from the date of order, until further orders.	Leave Travel Concession is restored.
12	Other measures	<p>Expenditure from the Government account and on account of PSUs, Local Bodies, Universities, Autonomous Boards and other Public entities will be banned for the following items until further orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Presentation of gifts, bouquets, shawls, mementoes, garlands and similar articles. ii. Official functions, gatherings including conferences, seminars, workshops and cultural programmes of more than 20 persons, except for official review meetings. iii. A ban on all official lunches and dinners and entertainment. 	<p>The ban is revoked</p> <p>The ban is revoked. However, the departments and PSUs should conduct conferences, seminars and workshops through online mode, as much as possible.</p> <p>The ban is revoked.</p>

5. The austerity measures continued in the current financial year as described in column 4 of the table in the paragraph 4 above, should be enforced strictly and scrupulously by the Departments of Secretariat, Heads of Departments and CEOs of PSUs, Autonomous Boards, Local Bodies, Universities, etc.,. The Secretaries to Government and Heads of Departments shall issue suitable instructions to the subordinate officers to adhere to the same in the current year without any deviation.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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