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Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
(Finance Branch)

Dated: 5/01/2018

Sub: "Guidelines for seeking comments on Standing Finance Committee (SFC)/ Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC)/ Public Investment Board (PIB)/ Delegated Investment Board (DIB) Memorandums-reg."

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of O.M No. 24(35)/PF-II/2012 Dated, the 17.11.2017 from Joint secretary (PFC-II), Department of Expenditure, Public Finance(Gentral-I) Division on the subject cited above for further necessary action please.

Encl. As above.

(R.C.Kumar) ADG (Finance)

To,
The PPS to Secretary (T)
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North Block, New Delhi Dated, the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Guidelines for seeking comments on Standing Finance Committee (SFC)/ Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) / Public Investment Board (PIB)/ Delegated Investment Board (DIB) Memorandums - regarding

Reference is invited to Department of Expenditure's O.M. of even number dated 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 on appraisal and approval of public funded schemes and projects. It has been noticed that in many cases, the SFC meeting notices are being received from Ministries/ Departments seeking comments on Standing Finance Committee (SFC)/ Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) / Public Investment Board (PIB)/ Delegated Investment Board (DIB) proposals in parallel, hardly offering 7 days for comments.

- The following advisory is, therefore, issued for compliance, as any deviation from this procedure would vitiate the mandated procedure of *inter-ministerial consultation* required for appraisal and approval, (even in cases where a Ministry has been delegated powers for conducting EFC/PIB):
  - Draft EFC/SFC/PIB/DIB note must be circulated to all Ministries / Departments with at least 10 days for formulating and sending comments, especially by DoE and NITI Aayog.
  - II. Ministries/ Departments to revise the EFC/SFC/PIB/DIB note based on comments received, incorporating such additional details requested along with replies of the administrative Ministry / Department to each comment given by all Ministries, including DoE and NITI.
  - III. Thereafter, final EFC/SFC/PIB/DIB note may be circulated to all concerned with intimation of date and time for the EFC/SFC/PIB/DIB meeting.
- IV. With regard to the scientific Ministries/ departments who have been delegated the power of appraisal by Cabinet, it is imperative that while fixing the meeting of EFC/SFC/PIB/DIB they must ensure that the inter-ministerial consultations

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especially w.r.to DoE and NITI Aayog are incorporated in the final EFC/SFC/PIB/DIB memo and the final memo is circulated with date /time of EFC/SFC/PIB/DIB meeting giving sufficient time to the stakeholders to go through the final EFC/SFC memo. This is essential for the fruitful participation of DoE and NITI Aayog and other important stake holders in such meetings.

- V. All the above procedure may be completed through the web based online monitoring system at <a href="https://mofapp.nic.in/efc">https://mofapp.nic.in/efc</a>.
- 3. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

(K Rajaraman Joint Secretary (PFC-II)

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