

in 1976 certificates of utilisation of grants are required to be furnished by the Ministry/Departments concerned to the Controllers of Accounts in respect of grants released to statutory bodies/NGOs to ensure that these have been properly utilised for which these were sanctioned.

It has also been made mandatory that a certificate of actual utilisation of grants received needs to be submitted within 12 months of the closure of the financial year by the autonomous bodies/institutions concerned as laid down in Rule 151 (1) of the General Financial Rules.

It has been noticed that in many cases despite pending receipt of utilisation certificates some Ministry/Departments have released fresh grants to the defaulting statutory bodies/NGOs during 2003-04 without insisting on the utilisation certificates in respect of grants released in the previous years. This has resulted in fresh grants being released despite M/o Finance instructions issued in May 2003, following the judgement of High Court of Delhi directing that no fresh grant be released unless utilisation certificate for the previous year was furnished.

It has been noticed that your Ministry has released fresh grants during 2003-04 as per the details given below:

(Rupees in crores) S.No. Ministry/Depart No. Amount Amount of fresh utilisation grants released certificates due without had to obtaining utilisation . certificates previous year Andaman Nikobar 48 23.67 68.60 Administration

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