

A review of plan expenditure of all the plan implementing departments was taken up by the Chief Planning Officer. All the departments took part along with their Accounts Officers. The departments of Agriculture (Crop Husbandry), Animal Husbandry, Co-operation, Forests, Revenue, Rural Development, Panchayat, Power, Road Transport, Police Radio Organization, Science & Technology, Secretariat, Polytechnic, Degree College, Information & Publicity, Labour Welfare, PWD, District Jail, Audit & Accounts, Judiciary & Police projected savings under salary head. On the reported savings, under salary head, the Chief Planning Officer advised all the departments to keep provision for 3 months only for the posts already created, but yet to be filled in so as to avoid surrender of large amount at the lag end of the year. He also said that the funds kept for salary purpose cannot be diverted to any other purposes and the allotted amount lapses to the disadvantage of the UT. He further stated that so far as posts yet to be created, only token provision, say Rs.0.5 lakh or Rs.1.00 lakh (according to the number of posts to be created) is kept so that more money can be demanded at RE stage, if necessary. He said that from the date of creation to the date of posting, many hurdles are to be crossed. Moreover, all the posts demanded are not created and filled up at a time.

The projections made by different departments on saving and its redistribution can be seen at the Annexure enclosed.

The total savings under Revenue & Capital components were Rs.238.47 lakh and Rs.150.34 lakh respectively which was redistributed amongst the needy departments to avoid any surrender.

While reviewing plan expenditure, the Director (Social Welfare) informed that his department would purchase one Xerox machine and one Fax machine for which necessary sanction had been accorded by the Secretary (Social Welfare). The Asst. Secretary (P&I) remarked that necessary proposal in this connection was not referred to Planning branch for their concurrence. The departments were requested to go through the procedures before spending plan funds meant for developmental activities.

The Chief Planning Officer appealed to all the departments to send revised 1st Monthly Estimate, urgently, which they have promptly furnished to the Budget Cell in the Secretariat based on their latest funds requirement position discussed in the meeting.

The final grant for 1999-2000, so prepared by the Finance Department in consultation with Planning on the basis of the meeting is annexed to this letter.

The HODs were requested to spend and book the expenditure based on the figures shown in column 6, 7 & 8 of the annexure to this communication so as to avoid surrender or excess expenditure.