GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT
Delivery of Improved Services in Administration (DISA) Programme 2006-09- Reform Incentive Fund (RIF) for the SPIU Departments – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (GPM&AR) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.NO.138 Dt.11.03.2008

ORDER:

With a view to improving delivery of Services to the poor, Government is pursuing reforms in certain focused Departments under the Delivery of Improved Services in Administration (DISA) 2006-09 Programme funded by the Department for International Development (DFID), UK. The DISA Programme is implemented across focus departments having large public interface where Strategy and Performance Innovation Units (SPIUs) are in place, to provide technical support in the departments in the Implementation of the reforms.

2. The DFID funded DISA Programme is coming to an end by March, 2009. In order to sustain the pace of the reform initiatives even after expiry of the programme period and to encourage the Government Departments to pursue innovative reforms for improving delivery of services to the poor, it is proposed to create a fund called “Reform Incentive Fund” (RIF) which will be initially piloted through DFID funded DISA Programme.

3. Based on the lessons learnt from DISA Programme, Government of Andhra Pradesh’s (GoAP) reform agenda is expected to be scaled up through the RIF mechanism. The RIF enables DFID and GoAP to pool their resources from the DISA Programme budget. While the RIF will be funded under DISA Programme during 2007-09 by DFID, the GoAP will provide the necessary budget support from the State Budget, with effect from fiscal 2008-09.

4. Initially, Government of Andhra Pradesh and DFID would be the principal partners with contribution in the ratio of 50% each to the fund. The DFID shall contribute 50% of the funds available under the programme budget heads 02-02, 02-03 and 02-05 of DISA for the years 2007-08 and 2008-09.

5. Government of Andhra Pradesh, in principle, have agreed to provide a matching contribution of Rs.7.00 crores (Rupees seven crores only) from the State budget effective from the fiscal 2008-09 and fully fund the RIF from 2009-10, when the DISA programme ends. During the post project period i.e. from 2009-10 onwards, the size of the RIF shall be determined by the Government of A.P. based on performance and results of the RIF in 2007-08 and 2008-09. The balance funds under DISA Programme budget shall continue to be available for all focus departments as per the current procedures.

6. The Reform Incentive Fund shall be managed by Centre for Good Governance. A Committee Chaired by the Special Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, GA(GPM&AR) Department shall approve funding from the RIF based on appraisal process. The details of the Scheme of Reform Incentive Fund and guidelines on its administration are as indicated in the Annexure to this order.

7. Incase of any dispute or ambiguity in the administration of the scheme or for clarification on any of the issues not covered in the guidelines, the decision of the Chairman of “Reform Incentive Fund” Committee shall be final.

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8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.No.4200/118/A1/Expr.GAD-I/08, Dt.27.02.2008.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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