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Dear Sir/Madam

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has transited fully to Treasury Single Account (TSA) system from FY 2022-23. While all 5 SMCGs are also now on-boarded on TSA, there are some legacy issues that require urgent attention.

2. Prior to the operationalization of TSA, Grants-in-Aid for the Namami Gange Programme were received by NMCG in 4 bank accounts under 4 different Heads: (i) EAP, (ii) NGRBA Non-EAP, (iii) NGP, and (iv) Ghat works for beautification of riverfront. NMCG also released grants to SMCGs in 4 designated accounts. Following the introduction of TSA, Budget Heads have been re-classified from FY 2022-23, and no funds are being received under the 4 erstwhile Budget Heads. However, SMCGs are still left with substantial unspent balance in 4 Bank accounts related to 4 pre-TSA budget heads. SMCG-UP alone has more than Rs. 200 crore lying in those accounts.

3. The objective of TSA system is to avoid parking of funds. Unspent balance in pre-TSA Accounts is contrary to the spirit of TSA. Further, TSA guidelines permit grantee organizations to maintain only one account (as a Holding Account) for payment of statutory levies/ taxes/ TDS etc. in addition to assignment accounts. NMCG itself is in the process of closing down the bank accounts related to 4 Pre-TSA Budget Heads, except one which will be converted into a zero balance Holding Account.

4. SMCGs are also required to align their banking system to that of the NMCG. In line with the spirit of TSA, the share of Govt. of India in unspent balance in 4 pre-TSA accounts, along with interest earned thereon, may be returned to NMCG at the earliest for refund to Consolidated Fund of India. Further, after return of central share, SMCGs may also close down all pre-TSA bank accounts, except one zero balance Holding account. Any State share lying in the said accounts may either be expeditiously utilized for the relevant project or returned to the State Government in consultation with State Finance Department. By the end of the year, unspent balance with SMCGs should be totally liquidated, as envisaged under the TSA.

5. NMCG remains committed to meet approved fund requirements for all projects, including those sanctioned under the erstwhile 4 Heads, which will now be funded from the two new budget Heads. It is assured that implementation of any on-going project will not be affected due to refund of unspent balance from the pre-TSA bank accounts.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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