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Subject: Interim Guidelines for Administrative and Financial Management of Newly Created Districts in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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In exercise of the powers conferred under *Section 51 of the LAHDC Act, 1977*, and in view of the creation of the 5 new districts in the Union Territory of Ladakh, and to ensure structured financial management, fiscal prudence, administrative continuity, and effective implementation of developmental works during the transition period, the following instructions are hereby issued for compliance:

1. Capital Budget/Expenditure:

(i) **Administrative Mapping:** Pending the establishment of independent institutional, budgetary, and financial structures, all ongoing as well as newly approved CAPEX works in respect of the newly created districts shall continue to be administratively and financially mapped through the respective parent Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (LAHDCs), Leh and Kargil, in accordance with the existing arrangements.

In the interest of equity and balanced regional development, the allocation of funds shall, however, be regulated on the basis of the following weighted criteria:

- (a) 60% weightage based on population, as per the Census 2011; and
- (b) 40% weightage based on the geographical area of the newly created districts.

The Chief Controller of Finance of the respective parent LAHDCs shall ensure equitable allocation of funds in accordance with the above criteria.

(ii) **Prioritization of works/projects:** Highest priority shall be accorded to works at advanced stages of execution that can be completed in the shortest possible time. Special focus shall be placed on the early commissioning of public utility and service-oriented projects to ensure timely public benefits and optimal utilization of government resources.

(ii) **New Works:** No new work pertaining to the newly created districts shall be included in the CAPEX Action Plan unless the same has been duly examined, vetted, and recommended by the concerned parent LAHDC.

2. Revenue Budget/Expenditure:

To ensure rational and equitable distribution of the Revenue Budget for meeting the operational and establishment-related requirements of the newly created districts, the following process shall be followed:

(i) The Chief Controller of Finance (CCF) of the respective parent LAHDC shall compile the revenue budget requirements from all newly created districts, consolidating inputs on operational needs, establishment expenditure, and other essential expenditures.

(ii) The CCF shall examine and rationalize these projected requirements, taking into account the availability of budgetary resources, to eliminate overlaps, ensure fiscal prudence, and prioritize critical needs. The allocation of funds however, shall be regulated on the basis of the following weighted criteria:

- (a) **60% weightage** on the basis of Population, as per Census 2011; and
- (b) **40% weightage** on the basis of geographical area of the new districts.

(iii) The CCFs shall also assess any requirement for additional funds post-rationalization and forward a justified proposal to the Finance Department through the concerned Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of the respective LAHDCs for timely consideration and approval.

During the transition period, the newly created districts shall remain under the administrative and financial oversight of their respective parent LAHDCs (Leh or Kargil, as applicable). Accordingly, all matters relating to the following shall be routed through the Chief Controller of Finance (CCF) of the concerned parent LAHDC for further action:

- (i) Financial reporting;
- (ii) Physical and financial progress reviews;
- (iii) Submission of Utilisation Certificates (UCs); and
- (iv) Monitoring of expenditure and implementation status.

The Chief Controller of Finance (CCF) shall oversee budget allocation, regulation of releases, expenditure management, and financial monitoring for both the parent LAHDC and the newly created districts under its jurisdiction in order to ensure fiscal discipline, proper fund utilization, and avoidance of duplication or irregular expenditure.

By Order of the Administration of UT of Ladakh.

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