No.635/FD/F2/A1/2024 GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Puducherry, dated 18.03.2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

- Sub: Finance Department Instructions on Appointment of Annual External and Tax Auditors for Autonomous bodies /Societies / PSUs / Corporations, etc. – Reg.
- Ref: Office Memorandum No.635/FD/F2/2022, dt.11/05/2022 of the Finance Department, Puducherry.

Attention is invited to the O.M cited under reference wherein in order to improve the quality and depth of audits for the Government entities, detailed instructions were issued by the Finance Department on appointment of Annual External and Tax Auditors for Autonomous Bodies / Societies / PSUs / Corporations etc. by Finance Department selected from among a panel of CAG empanelled auditors on the request from the departments.

2. However, as there is a huge backlog of audits which has been frequently pointed out by the office of the CAG, in order to expedite the completion of backlogs by the Government entities, appointment of annual auditors (external auditor and tax auditor) for the Government entities shall be done by the Nodal / Administrative departments for all the Autonomous Bodies / Societies / PSUs /Corporations etc. coming under their purview with the approval of the Administrative Secretaries without referring the proposal to Finance Department with effect from 01.04.2024 by strictly following other instructions contained in Office Memorandum cited under reference and the payment of auditors' fees shall also be continued to be made from the Government budget. A copy of the order of appointment of CAG empanelled auditors shall also be furnished to the Finance Department without fail.

//BY ORDER//

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То

All Secretaries to Government / All Secretariat Department / All Heads of Departments / Offices All Authorities of PSUs/ Autonomous Bodies / Institutions, Puducherry.

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1. The P.S to the Chief Secretary, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.

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