

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ABSTRACT

Finance Department – Constitution of Apex Committee, Monitoring Committee and Audit Committees for reviewing timely furnishing of explanatory notes to Public Accounts Committee / Committee on Public Undertakings – Orders – Issued

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.43/FD/F2/A2/2022-23

Puducherry dated 17/08/2022

Read: D.O Letter No.PAG(Au-II)/BOP/DP Cell/2022-23/328
dated 26-07-2022 of the Principal Accountant General
(Audit-II), Tamilnadu and Puducherry.

ORDER

The Departments / Public Sector Undertakings need to promptly reply to audit queries / objections and take urgent remedial action on the objections included in the audit report. The Principal Accountant General in his letter cited above has reported that in Puducherry replies to 4395 paras in Inspection Reports (from the year 1988-89) and 109 Explanatory Notes to paragraphs included in Audit Reports are pending. Further, the accounts of Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies and Local Bodies are also pending for many years.

2. Based on the High Powered Committee Report (1993) the Principal Accountant General, Tamilnadu and Puducherry, sought timely furnishing of explanatory notes to Public Accounts Committee / Committee on Public undertakings and further follow up. He also outlined the need for Monitoring Committee, in each Department of Government and Audit Committees, for timely furnishing of replies by Departments /Field Offices, settlement of Audit paras and timely finalization of accounts.

3. The Government has therefore decided to form the following Committees:-

(i) The Audit Committee

(i)	Secretary to Government of the Department concerned	Chairman
(ii)	Head of the Department concerned	Member
(iii)	Head of the executive of the Public Sector Undertakings concerned	Member
(iv)	Senior Accounts Officer / Junior Accounts Officer concerned	Member

The Audit Committees shall meet at least once every quarter to review the progress in disposal of pending Inspections Reports, audit matters pertaining to Departments and Public Sector Undertakings / Autonomous Bodies / Local Bodies under the control of the Administrative Secretary concerned, follow up action on Audit Reports and Explanatory Notes to the PAC / COPU, etc.

(ii) The Monitoring Committee

(i)	Secretary to Government of the Department concerned	Chairman
(ii)	Finance Secretary or his nominee	Member
(iii)	Head of the Department concerned	Member
(iv)	Head of the executive of the Public Sector Undertakings concerned	Member

The Monitoring Committee shall meet at least once every quarter to review the follow up action on the Audit reports and the explanatory notes to Public Accounts Committee / Committee on Public Undertakings in respect of the Head of the Departments concerned and the Public Sector Undertakings /Autonomous Bodies / Local Bodies under the control of the Department.

(iii) The Apex Committee

(i)	Chief Secretary to Government	Chairman
(ii)	Finance Secretary to Government	Member
(iii)	All Secretaries to Government	Members
(iv)	Head of the executive of the Public Sector Undertakings concerned	Member

The Apex Committee shall meet at least once every half year and review audit matters pertaining to Government Departments as well as Public Sector Undertakings/ Autonomous Bodies / Local Bodies.

-// BY ORDER //-

 19/8/22

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UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. (FINANCE)

To

1. The Principal Accountant General (Audit-II), Tamilnadu and Puducherry
2. All Secretaries to Government
3. All Heads of Departments
4. All Public Sector Undertakings /Autonomous Bodies / Local Bodies

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