No. 0210/FD/F3/2022-23 Government of Puducherry Finance Department

Puducherry, dt. 10/06/2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Submitting of proposals relating to Draft Legislative Bills to the Finance Department for Concurrence

Ref: Law Department circular No. 971/2022- LD, dated 05.05.2022

Currently, Administrative Departments are submitting all proposals relating to draft Legislative Bills to the Finance Department for concurrence along with a financial memorandum, irrespective of whether there is any financial implication or not.

2. The Rule 33 of the Rule of Business of the Government of Puducherry, 1963, reads as follows:

"If legislation is decided upon, the department shall, if the legislation involves expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory, prepare in consultation with the Finance Department, a financial memorandum. The papers shall then be sent to the Law Department requesting it to draft the Bill accordingly." (Emphasis added)

- 3. Accordingly, it is hereby instructed that Departments shall submit proposals on draft Legislative Bills/Notifications to the Finance Department for concurrence, **only if** the proposal involves expenditure from or receipts to the Consolidated Fund, Contingency Fund, or Public Account of the Union Territory. The cases that may create a contingent liability on the Government too will need to be concurred by the Finance Department.
- 4. If there is any uncertainty over whether a draft Bill has some financial implication, the proposal may be referred to the Finance Department for concurrence.

//By Order//

(Arjun Ramakrishnan)

Under Secretary (Finance) - I

- 1. All Secretariat Departments
- 2. All Heads of Directorates
- 3. Senior Accounts Officers / Junior Accounts Officers in Departments
- 4. Under Secretary (Law) with request to accordingly modify the Law Department circular cited under reference.
- 5. Under Secretary (Finance) II

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- 1. Secretary (Law)
- 2. The P. S. to the Chief Secretary

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