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Subject: Expenditure Management - Rationalisation of Expenditure.

Reference is invited to this Secretariat letter of even No dated 18.09.2019 forwarding therewith to Ministry of I&B, the proposal of Revised Estimates 2019-20. The Ministry has communicated the tentative allocation in Revised Estimates 2019-20. The scheme-wise break-up of tentative allocation in RE 2019-20 and the expenditure incurred under the same upto the month of September, 2019 is provided as under:

(Figures in Rs. Crore)

Sub-head		Tentative RE 2019-20		Expenditure incurred upto September 2019		% of expenditure of tentative RE	
		AIR	DD	AIR	DD	AIR	DD
Capital (i/c Kisan)		166.06	159.84*	30.66	30.80	18.46%	19.27%
Content	Channels of AIR (ESD & Domestic)	9.54	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	Kisan Channel	0.00	20.00	0.00	6.34		31.70%
	Arun Prabha Channel	0.00	117.46	0.00	18.15		15.45%
Swachhta Action Plan		0.04	0.06	0.03	0.02	57.50%	38.33%
Total		175.64	297.36	30.69	55.31		

*Includes Rs.8.84 crore for project "Broadcasting on Alternate Platform" for IT Division, PB.

From the above, it may be noticed that though 6 months of the financial year are already over, the expenditure incurred under most of the schemes is under 20%. In the meeting held under the Chairmanship of AS&FA, Ministry of I&B on 29.10.2019, AS&FA expressed concern on the slow pace of expenditure under Central Sector Schemes and requested to expedite the same.

In this regard, attention of both the Directorates is also invited to the instructions issued from time to time by Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure for Expenditure Management. As per these instructions, not more than one-third (33%) of the Budget Estimates may be spent in the last quarter of the financial year. Besides, during the month of March, the expenditure should be limited to 15% of the Budget Estimates. It may be emphasized here that the restriction of 33% and 15% expenditure ceiling is to be enforced both scheme-wise as well as for the Demands for Grant as a whole, subject to RE ceilings. Further, Ministries/ Departments which are covered by the Monthly Expenditure Plan (MEP) may ensure that the MEP is followed strictly.


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In view of the above, both the Directorates of AIR and Doordarshan are once again requested to accelerate the pace of expenditure so that the expenditure under each scheme reaches the RE ceiling by end of the financial year.


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