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Subject: Economy instructions due to spread of Covid-19 pandemic-regarding

Kindly refer to this Secretariat email dated 27.03.2020 through which allocations in BE 2020-21(for two months i.e. April & May, 2020) was communicated to all the Budget Units of Prasar Bharati except DD News. BE 2020-21 for DD News was finalised at the time of finalisation of RE 2019-20 and was communicated to them at the time of communication of RE 2019-20. The proportionate allocation for two months was made on the basis of RE 2019-20 allocated to these Budget Units.

In this regard, it is intimated that due to the spread of Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown announced by the Government, most of the offices of Prasar Bharati are either closed or are working with the minimal staff. Programme production at most of the stations has almost stopped. This will result in lesser expenditure under many sub-heads viz OTA, OE, DTE, FTE, Motor Vehicles, Minor works, Programme Expenses etc.

Moreover, the revenues of Prasar Bharati had already shown downward trend in the year 2019-20 and due to the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, the trend is likely to continue in this fiscal also.

In view of the above, all budget units of Prasar Bharati are requested to advise all their field units to make every effort to avoid ostentatious and unnecessary expenditure. Day to day functioning should be managed with utmost economy. The expenditure under the sub-head OTA, Minor Works, hospitality etc. shall be confined to the minimum essential. As far as possible, routine transfers may be avoided. Posting & transfer orders may be issued only in exceptional and unavoidable cases.

In addition to the above, all out efforts may be made to augment revenue generation from all possible means.



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