



FINANCE [BUDGET GENERAL - I] DEPARTMENT

G.O.No.218, Dated 13th July 2023.

(Sobakiruthu, Aani-28, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2054)

ABSTRACT

COVID-19 – Economy in expenditure - Control of expenditure introduced in the year 2020-2021 – Continuation of certain major items of expenditure in the year 2023-2024 with modifications – Revoking of General Transfer, Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance - Orders - Issued.

Read :-

1. G.O.Ms.No.249, Finance (BG-I) Department, Dated 21.05.2020.
2. Government Letter No.16069/Finance (BG-I) Department/2020-3, Dated 18.06.2020.
3. G.O.Ms.No.178, Finance (BG-I) Department, Dated 20.06.2022.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, as a part of the economy measures taken to combat the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic during the Financial year 2020-2021, the Government had adopted certain austerity measures to control the expenditure and imposed cuts on the allocation of Budget Estimates 2020-2021, across all the departments of Government.

2. In the Government letter second read above, clarifications had been issued for proper understanding of the issues and effective implementation of the above said economy measures.

3. In the Government Order third read above, the austerity measures on the following items of expenditure were continued with modifications in the year 2022-2023.

- i. 305 Office Expenses – 05 Furniture
- ii. 319 Machinery and Equipments – 01 Purchase
- iii. 321 Motor Vehicles – 01 Purchase
- iv. Travelling Allowance & Daily Allowance including General Transfer

4. Due to improvement of present fiscal position, the Government has decided to revisit the austerity measures imposed in 2020-2021 for COVID-19 pandemic. After careful consideration, the Government hereby directs that the following austerity measures continued in the year 2022-2023 are revoked with effect from the date of issue of orders.

Sl. No.	Item	Details
1	Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance	Restriction is revoked. The Travel Entitlements as per applicable rules to be adhered.
2	Air Travel	
3	General Transfer	Ban on general transfer is revoked. The usual procedure prior to the introduction of economy austerity measures in the year 2020-2021 shall be followed.

5. The Government also hereby directs that the other austerity measures imposed in the Government Order third read above shall be continued in the year 2023-2024 as below.

Sl. No.	Item	Austerity measures continued in the year 2023-2024.
1	305 05 Furniture	The expenditure should be restricted to very exceptional cases like creation of new offices and upkeep of existing infrastructure in offices.
2	319 01 Purchase	Except for essential services providers like Health and Family Welfare and Fire & Rescue Services coming under Externally Aided Projects, the procurement of machinery & equipment by the other departments shall be postponed for a year.
3	321 01 Purchase	Ban on purchase of new vehicles shall be continued except for replacement of condemned vehicles.

6. The austerity measures continued in the current financial year as described in the paragraph 5 above, should be enforced strictly and scrupulously by the Departments of Secretariat, Heads of Departments and CEOs of PSUs, Autonomous Boards, Local Bodies, Universities, etc.,. The Secretaries to Government and Heads of Departments shall issue suitable instructions to the subordinate officers to adhere to the same in the current year without any deviation.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

T. UDHAYACHANDRAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Chennai - 9.

The Principal Secretary to the Governor, Governor Estate, Chennai - 22.

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The Registrar General, High Court, Chennai -104.

The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai-3

The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-35.

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The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-18.

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The Secretary –II / III / IV to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

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The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for Finance and
Human Resources Management, Chennai-9.

The Senior Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government,
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