Finance Department - 'Nil' bill submission to treasuries by the Drawing and Disbursing Officers - Permission granted - Orders issued.

FINANCE (STREAMLINING) DEPARTMENT


ORDER

As per the existing practice, 'NIL' bill (ie bills with net amount payable is zero) is not permitted in treasuries, except advance settlement / adjustment bills. As per the letter read as 1st paper above, the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram has reported that a large number of references have come from Drawing Officers, seeking approval of the Accountant General in the matter of drawing DA arrears / Pay Revision arrears creditable to the GPF accounts of the officials stating the reason that the net amount claimed in the bills is 'NIL'. In such cases, the Treasury Officers insists approval of Accountant General for honouring the bills. Therefore, Principal Accountant General (A&E) has explained certain instances necessitating presentation of 'NIL' bills and hence, now requested to issue necessary direction to accept 'NIL' bills in treasuries without any pre authorization from the Accountant General.

In the pre IFMS scenario, the 'NIL' bills are not encouraged as the chance of missing such bills while account preparation may occur, since the net amount of the bill would be zero in such bills. But in the post IFMS scenario, such issue will not arise. The Director of Treasuries vide the letter read as 2nd paper above, has also clarified that there is no technical issue in online submission of 'NIL' bill to treasuries by the DDOs or in accounts rendering to the Accountant General.

In the circumstances, Government are pleased to issue orders for permitting 'NIL' bill submission to treasuries for drawing DA arrears / Pay Revision arrears which are to be credited to the GPF accounts and also any claims wherein the net amount payable would be zero, henceforth. Facility for such bill generation and processing would be available in all applications such as SPARK, BIMS, Core TIS, EMLI, SANKHYA etc.
The Director of Treasuries is instructed to issue necessary directions to all the treasury officers concerned in this regard.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To

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The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram.
Finance (PRU / PRC-D) Department.
The Chief Project Manager (SPARK)
The Deputy Director General and SIO, NIC, Vellayambalam.
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