

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA  
(Finance Department)

Subject: Additional Economy Measures, - Imposition of -

ORDER NO. FD 7 BEM 87 BANGALORE: DATED 10th November, 1987.

Government have decided that it is essential and necessary to take certain measures to conserve resources.

Taking in to account the various measures introduced by Government of India and also the various Economy Measures introduced by the State Government from time to time, the following Economy Measures are introduced with immediate effect and until further orders,

(i) The facility of travel by executive class of the Indian Airlines may be kept in abeyance and the travel may be performed only by economy class by dignitaries who are entitled to travel by executive class.

(ii) No expenditure should be incurred in the current year on any new plan or non-plan schemes, which have not physically commenced by 1st October, 1987 except where these can be directly related to drought relief. The implementation of these schemes should be deferred to the next year and expenditure on all schemes, both plan and non-plan, which have not commenced by 1-10-1987, should be deferred till the end of the current financial year.

(iii) There should be no proposals for schemes/items of expenditure which are not budgetted. This applies to both plan and non-plan.

(iv) The instructions of the Government contained in G.O. No. FD 14 BUB 87 (1) and (2) dated 4-5-1987 should be scrupulously complied with.

(v) A cut of 10% has been enforced on the non-plan budget provision of each department, as indicated in the budget estimates for 1987-88, including the amounts transferred as grants to the Zilla Parishats. There should be no proposals for any additional expenditure, which result in the expenditure of any department going beyond 90% of the non-plan budget Estimation for 1987-88. The only exception would be cases in which the State Government has committed itself to a particular share with reference to grants from the Government of India.

(vi) Departments should draw up a time-bound action programme for review of all the programmes and activities to be completed over a period of three years. This review should cover plan schemes also and there should be no reluctance to give up a plan scheme or activity in case it is established to be wasteful or incapable of being effectively administered or managed. In other words, zero based budgetting should become a reality and not just remain on paper.

(vii) New posts under plan as well as non-plan shall not be created for the remaining duration of the 7th plan. The only exception would be cases where creation of new posts is mandatory for receiving central/external assistance. In such exceptional cases, approval of the Staff Screening Committee has to be obtained through Finance Department.

(viii) Vacant posts (both under plan and non-plan) shall not be filled for the remaining duration of the 7th plan, and therefore, vacancies should not be notified to recruitment agencies like KADC, recruitment board etc. The only exception would be those cases where the filling of posts is mandatory for receiving central/external assistance.

(ix) The expenditure on central sector and centrally sponsored schemes shall be strictly limited to the allocations made by the Government of India.

(x) There should be no proposals for purchase of motor vehicles.

(xi) Hosting of official dinners, lunches and receptions should be avoided. The public sector undertakings and other bodies should also not be required to meet expenditure of such entertainment.

(xii) All festivals, fairs and exhibitions for which firm commitments have not been made by 31-10-1987 should be postponed till the end of the current year. Even where firm commitments have been made, the proposed expenditure should be carefully scrutinised and all non-essential and ostentatious items should be cut.

(xiii) Departments should scrutinise the training programmes scheduled for the coming part of the current financial year and take immediate steps to defer same to the next year. If, for reasons of policy, any training programmes cannot be deferred, prior concurrence of PFR should be obtained.

(xiv) Departments should also review the provisions made in their budgets for publicity & publications other than those relating to drought or for publishing the developmental works of Government, with reference to considerations of cost effectiveness and their relevance in the current situation. Only such publicity or publication should be undertaken which meets these considerations strictly.

(xv) Till the end of the current financial year, there should be no purchase of new furnitures/fixtures without the prior approval of the Secretary of the administrative departments concerned.

(xvi) Departments should minimise expenditure on the running of Government Vehicles. All transport grants will be given by Government for such expenditure.

(xvii) Departments should review all proposals for holding any seminar or conference during the rest of the year. Such expenditure should be held only after careful consideration, the seminar or conference should be held only if it can be ensured that the expenditure thereon is justified and prior approval of the Minister in charge of the Department should also be obtained.

(xviii) Strict care should be exercised regarding the use of stationery and other articles of office use and no wastage of any kind should be allowed.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka,

Sd/-

(H. SANKARANARAYANAN)

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION IN KARNATAKA:

No. BUL 1/LBA/Economy-41/87-33

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Copy of the Govt. Order No. FD 7 Part 87 Dated 10-11-87 is forwarded to the following for information and guidance and further action in the matter. The economy measures introduced in the Govt. Order should be followed strictly.