OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines for CSR expenditure of CPSEs.

One of the recommendations which emerged from the CPSEs Conclave held in April 2018 was related to utilization of CSR funds in a focussed manner towards national priorities by adopting a theme based approach every year. Detailed deliberations on this recommendation were held subsequently by Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) with CPSEs, select Ministries/Departments, NITI Aayog and the Committee of Secretaries. Based on the deliberations, the Competent Authority has approved the following course of actions for undertaking CSR activities by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs):

(i) A common theme may be identified for each year for undertaking CSR by CPSEs.

(ii) For the current year 2018-19, school education and health care may be taken up as the theme for focussed intervention.

(iii) CSR expenditure for thematic programme should be around 60% of annual CSR expenditure of CPSEs.

(iv) Aspirational Districts may be given preference. (A list of 112 Aspirational Districts as identified by NITI Aayog is attached at Annexure-I).

(v) The annual theme for the future will be decided by the Competent Authority separately.

3. The Competent Authority has further entrusted to NITI Aayog the responsibility to pilot the programme.

4. Accordingly, the CPSE undertaking CSR activity in Aspirational districts would: (i) designate a senior level functionary as nodal officer to liaise closely with the District Administration of concerned Aspirational district (ii) furnish the details of nodal officer along with the name of selected aspirational district(s) to NITI Aayog, DPE and concerned administrative Ministry/Department of the CPSE (iii) furnish the details of projects funded by CPSE under CSR in an aspirational district to NITI Aayog, DPE and concerned administrative Ministry/Department of CPSE (iv) brief the concerned Central Prabhari Officer of Aspirational District (Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary nominated by GOI for aspirational district), about the CSR project being funded by CPSE. The Aspirational District wise details of Central Prabhari Officers are provided at Annexure I.
5. It will be the responsibility of the concerned CPSE to ensure that all the CSR activities being undertaken are in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act 2013, its Schedules and Rules issued under the said Act and there is no deviation from statutory provisions.

6. These guidelines are in supersession of earlier advisory of DPE dated 1st August 2016 regarding utilisation of 33% of CSR funds by CPSEs towards Sanitation and SBM activities.

7. All the administrative Ministries/Departments are requested to bring these guidelines to the notice of CPSEs under their jurisdiction for necessary action.

8. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (H&PE).

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Encl: As Above

To,

1. Secretaries of Ministries/Departments concerned with all CSR eligible CPSEs.
2. Chief Executives of all CSR eligible CPSEs.