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Ministry of Railways
Railway Board**

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**General Managers
All Zonal Railways & Production Units,
General Managers/CAOs/ Metro Kolkata / CORE/ COFMOW/ MTP Chennai**

Sub: Rollout of Accrual Accounting over Indian Railways

Please refer to FC's earlier communications on subject above wherein it was informed that roll out of accrual accounting would begin shortly in all Zonal Railways/ PUs/Other Units. As scheduled the Chartered Accountant firms /Consultants have been stationed in all Zonal Railways/PUs/Kolkata Metro/CORE/COFMOW and MTP Chennai.

In this regard Chief Project Manager/AR vide letter no. 2016/ CPM (AR)/ Zonal Railway/6 dated 7.6.2017 has communicated railway-wise positioning of CA Firms by ICAI-ARF to all FA&CAOs with a request to provide them with essential base documents for familiarization with railway books of accounts. Further, vide letter dated 15.6.2017 it was also requested to impart, to the CA Firms, hands-on orientation on the accounting system of Railways from the point of transaction recording to compilation of Account Current and Appropriation Accounts.

However, feedback received from the CA Firms from many of the Zonal Railways has revealed that expected attention is not being given to this work on the ground that the staff and officers are pre-occupied with other work.

In this regard, it may kindly be appreciated that Accounting Reforms is the core project under Mission Beyond Book Keeping announced by the Hon'ble MR in his budget speech for 2016-17 and this has also been emphasised as one of the key areas by Hon'ble Finance Minister in budget speech for 2017-18. The first phase of this Project comprises Roll out of Accrual Accounting across all Zonal Railways and Production Units. The following broad timelines have been fixed, vide contract signed with ICAI ARF, for preparation of Financial Statements on accrual basis for all Zonal Railways/PUs and other units:

S.N.	Deliverable	Target date of completion
1.	Accrual based financial statements for FY 2015-16	21.09.2017
2.	Accrual based financial statements for FY 2016-17	21.10.2017

It may be noted that ICAI-ARF has hired the CA Firms for a limited period, keeping in view the above targets. Therefore, time is of the essence and there is no scope for any postponement of targets. Timelines are to be ensured scrupulously since delay in any of the deliverables stated above will affect the overall timelines of the Accounting Reforms Project.

In view of the above, you may advise FA&CAOs on your Railway/ Unit to ensure that apposite attention is given to this work and due support is provided to CA Firms to complete this work as per stipulated targets. This is specifically crucial in case of the tight timeline fixed for compilation of Fixed Asset Register, which is the most time consuming exercise involving all the Executive departments and therefore requires the personal involvement of Nodal officers on Asset Register i.e. AGM/SDGM of all units.



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