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Considering Action taken note of audit paragraph by LFAC - reg

In the course of recent deliberations with the Local Fund Accounts Committee, it was observed that Secretaries of LSGIs submitted letters of correspondence from functional wing of this office to the Committee, stating that Draft Paragraphs which appeared in CAG's Audit Reports were not to be pursued further on the basis of updated status furnished by the audited institutions.

As per provisions laid down in the Handbook of Instructions for the speedy settlement of Audit objections/Inspection Reports and timely disposal of Draft Audit Paragraphs, the paragraphs appearing in the CAG's Audit Reports which have been tabled in State Legislature, will be examined by the Public Accounts Committee and the Secretary to Government concerned and the Head of Department will have to appear before the Committee as witnesses at the time of examination of the paragraph. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to Government and the Head of Department to depose before the Committee, whether the irregularity has since been rectified and action has been taken to avoid recurrence of such things in future. The Statement of Action taken on such audit paragraphs are to be forwarded by the audited institution to the Secretary to Government/Head of Department.

It is therefore re-iterated that, functional HQrs sections may urgently instruct field audit parties to desist from issuing approval to clearance of audit paragraphs which appeared in Audit Reports of CAG tabled in State Legislature in previous years, which stand referred to the Public Accounts Committee in totality. Functional HQrs sections, while vetting/reviewing Local Audit Reports, may give special attention to the matter discussed above, to rule out possibility of dropping of paragraphs included in CAG's Audit Reports.

(Vide orders dated 07.09.2023 of Principal Accountant General)

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