**URGENT: COVID-2019** 

## **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** FINANCE DEPARTMENT

/F. Dated 25.03.2020

From

Shri Ashok K. Meena, I.A.S. Principal Secretary to Government.

To

. The Commissioner of Police Bhubaneswar & Cuttack/ **All Collectors/District Superintendents of Police** 

Subject: Permission to the DDOs and Financial Sanctioning Authority to attend Office for preparation of Bills during the period of Lock Down (till 31.03.2020).

Sir,

Due to outbreak of Covid-19, there has been a complete lock down of the State w.e.f.24.3.2020. However in order to manage the financial functioning of the State Government all the treasuries in the state shall remain open to facilitate the Government disbursement and receipts. Government of Odisha have extended the dateline for submission of the bills to the treasuries till 29th of March'2020.In addition to that claims relating to Central Sector Schemes and Central Sponsored Scheme have been extended till 31st of March'2020.

The Drawing and Disbursing Officers and the Financial Sanctioning Authorities of the State Government have been facing difficulties to commute to their respective offices for preparation of bills and their subsequent submission in the treasuries.

It is therefore requested that the Commissionerate of Police Bhubaneswar & Cuttack and District Superintendent of Police of all Districts may allow the officials of the DDOs of different Government establishment to attend their respective offices in order to facilitate the expenditure functioning and Financial Year end transactions till 31.03.2020 on production of a certificate by the Head of Office.

Yours faithfully, Principal Secretary to Government Memo No. 10489 /F, dated 25.03.2020

Copy forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department for information and necessary action.

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Copy forwarded to the Director General of Police, Odisha, Cuttack for information and necessary action.

**Principal Secretary**