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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
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To

The Directors of all NITs & IIEST.

Subject:- Audit observations regarding utilization of CPDA - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Ministry has received audit observations from various Offices of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India regarding irregular utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) for reimbursement of purchase of computer & peripherals and unauthorized disbursement of testing & consultancy fees among the staff in the NITs.

2. The recent audit scrutiny in some of the NITs has revealed that the faculties have got reimbursement for purchase of computer and peripherals, by covering such reimbursement under 'contingent expenses' of CPDA on the reason that these computers / laptops is an interactive media book, which facilitated book writing, teaching & paper presentation electronically. But, in view of audit, component of contingent expenditure under a particular scheme meant contingent expenditure under overall framework of that scheme only (as the life of such assets is more) and cannot be construed to distort the main scheme. Therefore, it has been advised to avoid purchases of computers peripherals, tablets, interactive media books etc. under the contingent expenses of CPDA.

3. The observations of the audit parties were also brought to the notice of the 9th meeting of the Council of NITs. The Council emphasized that the Institutes should strictly adhered to norms so as to avoid audit paras on the aforementioned issues. It is, therefore, requested that the guidelines as well as the observations of the audit party may be followed scrupulously in this regard to avoid audit paras.

Yours faithfully,



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