DIRECTORATE OF LOCAL FUND AUDIT, TREASURY & ACCOUNTS BHAWAN, 2ND FLOOR, UNIT-III, KHARAVELANAGAR, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

XIV (Aud)6/2015

Date 08.02.16

From,

Sri Ajay Kumar Das Director.

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The Audit Officer, Bhubaneswar and all the District Audit Officers, Local Fund Audit.

Sub. : Due scrutiny of audit objections (Paras) and ascertaining of present position of the Case before issue of any surcharge action u/s 9 & 10 of the OLFA, 1948.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of the DLFA Letter No.6734, Dt.13.06.2013 issued earlier regarding initiation of surcharge action under the OLFA, Act cited above, I am to say that certain complexities and other difficulties are faced in latter stages of surcharge action and also in Appeal Forum when inadequacy of audit objection and other factual deficiencies are confronted prima facie in contrast with actual state of affairs. So you are here by instructed to take the following steps mandatorily instead of taking any surcharge action in a mechanical way.

(i) D.A.Os are now requested to thoroughly scrutinise the draft audit reports. Sub and substance of audit objection involving surcharge action must be thoroughly examined as to its tenability **before approval of the audit report** with reference to audit memo, compliance and Key Documents attached which should have been discussed in the Exit Conference earlier. In case of audit reports already approved ,audit objections should be duly examined to adjudge its maintainability before any surcharge action is initiated u/s 9(2)(b). Corrigendum may be issued accordingly if at all it is necessary.

(ii) In case of receipt of served copies of 9(2)(b) cases with compliance duly received or not received beyond the stipulated period, present position of the case must be ascertained in all most all cases without any exception with conduct of SVR with reference to involved paras of the audit report before any surcharge order is issued u/s 9(3).

(iii) In surcharge cases in respect of which surcharge orders u/s 9(3) have been issued and served copies there of have been received as well but no appeal is preferred by the delinquent officer within the stipulated period, SVR must also be conducted in each case before issue of requisition to the Collector is made as provided u/s 10(1) of the OLFA ,Act 1948.

It is impressed upon all concerned to see that the underlying principles of the aforesaid steps are adhered to in letter and spirit in order to strengthen the efficacy of surcharge action on its own merit. The above instructions are to be followed scrupulously.

Yours faithfully

Date 08.02.16

Copy forwarded to all Officers/ all Audit Superintendents/ Smt.Minati Sahoo,T.D,NIC,FID,FD for information and necessary action.