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C I R C U L A R

Subject: SARTTAC Training on GFS/PSDS during February, 2018

South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC), an IMF organization at New Delhi is conducting a 05 days training course on Government Finance Statistics/Public Sector Debt Statistics (GFS/PSDS) from February 5-9, 2018 at New Delhi. A copy of email received from SARTTAC is enclosed for ready reference.

2. Interested and willing officers may submitted their willingness to this office for consideration and onward submission to the SARTTAC, by 10th January, 2018.

Enclosure: As above.



(Eddie L. Khawlhing)

Dy. Controller General of Accounts

To

All Pr.CCAs/CCAs/CAs.

Copy to: Sr.AO(ITD) – for uploading the circular on the website.

Subject: **INDIA - IMF-SARTTAC - Government Finance Statistics (GFS) and Public Sector Debt Statistics (PSDS) Training - February 5-9, 2018**

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Dear Mr. Abbas,

It was my great pleasure meeting you by telephone today.

As discussed, the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) has a mandate to help build statistics capacity within its Member States (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka). To date, we have worked mainly to build capacity in national accounts statistics. Starting next year, we plan to expand our efforts to help build capacity in the compilation and dissemination of government finance statistics (GFS) and public sector debt statistics (PSDS).

In a meeting with the Comptroller General of Accounts, Mr. Anthony Lianzuala, during September 2017, we agreed that SARTTAC would work to help build GFS/PSDS capacity among Indian subnational governments. Therefore, SARTTAC has planned a resident GFS/PSDS training course for February 5-9, 2018. SARTTAC will cover travel and accommodation expenses associated with course participation and will provide a per diem.

The course offers an opportunity to learn the concepts, principles, sources, methods, accounting rules, and general framework used to compile GFS and PSDS. The fundamental features of GFS and PSDS will be covered: institutional units, sectorization, basis of reporting, transactions, other economic flows, accounts, statements, balance sheets, etc. The course will be based on international standards presented in the *Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 (GFSM 2014)* and the *Public Sector Debt Statistics: Guide for Compilers and Users 2011*. (Note that the GFSM 2014 is well aligned with *International Public Sector Accounting Standards*.)

SARTTAC requests the Comptroller and Auditor General's (CAG's) assistance on two fronts. First, we would like to confirm that the proposed training is consistent with the CAG's plans to build statistics capacity at the subnational level. Second, we request that the CAG assist SARTTAC in identifying persons (names and email addresses) at the subnational level who are responsible for compiling and disseminating GFS/PSDS, and who are prime candidates for the aforementioned training. We will use this contact information to invite course participation.

At your earliest convenience, please indicate when we can discuss this topic, and when the CAG can share the requested contact information.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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