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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Economy in use of paper – Digitisation of publications to save on stationery and expenditure.

Ministry of Finance has been issuing instructions from time to time on expenditure management, fiscal discipline and on the need for economy and rationalisation of Government expenditure. Instructions on use of judicious use of paper have been issued by this Department in the past and similar instructions are also contained in the Manual of Office Procedure published by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.

2. Expenditure Management Commission has also recommended that publications should be digitised wherever possible, to save on stationery and expenditure. Considering that electronic publications (e-publications) are environment friendly, all Ministries / Departments may review the utilisation of their different publications and, to start with, e-publish some of their non-Statutory publications while considerably reducing use of paper e-publications would also serve as a good digital repository for posterity that can be accessed anywhere unlike manual publications.

3. All Ministries / Departments may issue suitable instructions in this regard in respect of organisations / entities and field organisations under their administrative control.

4. This issues with the approval of FS and Secretary Expenditure.


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