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Ministry of Finance,
Akure.

1st Nov., 2018.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO:

The Chief of Staff to Mr. Governor,
The Senior Special Assistant to the Deputy Governor,
The Secretary to the State Government,
Office of the Head of Service,
Chairman of Commissions/Corporations,
Permanent Secretaries/Tutors-Generals/Director-General,
The Clerk, Ondo State House of Assembly,
The Accountant-General,
The State Auditor-General,
The Auditor-General for Local Governments,
The Statistician General,
General Managers/Head of Non-Ministerial Departments,


**OBTAINING THE APPROVAL OF MR. GOVERNOR FOR PROJECTS WITH
EXHAUSTED VOTE/NO BUDGETARY PROVISION**

This Ministry has in recent times received approval of Mr. Governor for projects whose budgetary provision have been exhausted or which do not have budgetary provision during the current fiscal year. This situation, no doubt arises because Ministries/Extraministerial Departments/Agencies (MEAs) tend to hide vital information which could enrich decision making by Mr. Governor at the point of giving approval.

2. It is obvious that such MEAs deliberately hide vital information regarding the status of the relevant provision in the budget, amount accessed so far and the balance left in the head/subhead while approaching Mr. Governor to obtain the necessary approval and later come around to put pressure on the Ministry of Finance for release of the approved fund not withstanding the exhaustion of the Vote.

3. Ministries/Extraministerial Departments/Agencies should note that, by the provision of the Ondo State Fiscal Responsibility Law 2017 and Public Finance Management Law 2017, as well as the Ondo State Financial Regulations and Stores 2017, the approval of Mr. Governor has the required potency. It is therefore implied that non-disclosure of necessary facts, while seeking Mr. Governor's approval, is a direct attempt to trivialize the

4. In this connection therefore, attempts by any MEA either through negligence or deliberate action, to hoard crucial information in the process of seeking the approval of Mr. Governor for release of fund for project execution or programme will attract appropriate sanctions as contained in the extant laws and circulars.
5. Accounting officers are therefore enjoined to be guided by the foregoing and do the needful to avoid situations where lack of budgetary provision or exhaustion of vote would create bottleneck in further processing of Mr. Governor's approval.
6. This Ministry will henceforth, not hesitate to sanction erring Accounting Officers that forward request for fund when there is no budgetary provision or the vote from which such fund is to be released is already exhausted, in line with extant regulations.
7. It is hereby advised that in addition to appropriately quoting the Head/Subhead of the relevant Vote in support of any request presented to Mr. Governor, a photocopy of the relevant portion of the approved budget must be attached to the request to authenticate the request.
8. Thank you.


E. G. Adelayi,
Permanent Secretary