August 27, 2014

Ms. Sarada Ali Khan  
Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Women and Child Development  
Government of India  
Shastri Bhavan  
New Delhi

Dear Ms. Khan:

Subject: Revised [Simplified] Disbursement Procedures for World Bank financed projects in India

Please find enclosed for your information the Bank's recent letter to DEA on the subject of the revised (simplified) disbursement procedures for Bank-financed projects in India.

While the letter provides a detailed description of the changes, I am summarizing for your quick reference the revisions which apply with immediate effect:

- IUFRs will no longer require Bank Task Team's clearances for purposes of disbursements; Henceforth, you may send your IUFRs based disbursement claims directly to the Office of the Controller of Aid, Accounts and Audit (CAAA) with a copy to the Bank Task Team members; CAAA will forward the claim to the Bank’s Loan Department through the e-disbursements module of the Client Connection for disbursement purposes;

- The Bank's Task Team shall review the IUFRs as part of project implementation support on an ex-post basis.

- If certain IUFRs require corrections with disbursement implications, the same shall be communicated by the Bank's Task Team Leader/Bank’s Loan department to the Project/CAAA and correction shall be effected in the subsequent IUFR/disbursement.

- Please note that prior approval of Bank's Task Team Leader will still be required for requests for forecast-based advances [variable levels] to the Designated Account. The advances will however be, subject to the DEA guidelines governing the use of advances.
In case you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mohan Gopalakrishnan, Sr. Financial Management Specialist.

With regards,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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**Attachment** - Letter sent to DEA on New Disbursement Procedures for World Bank financed projects in India

cc: Dr. Saroj K. Adhikari, Assistant Director, CPMU, MoWCD, New Delhi