TREASURY CIRCULAR NO. 9 OF 2017

FROM: ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL

TO: SUPERVISING OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS

CLOSING OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-2017

The attention of Supervising Officers of Ministries/Departments is drawn to the following arrangements that have been made in view of the closing of the Financial Year 2016-2017 on 30 June 2017.

2. To enable this office to cope with the increased workload during the month of June 2017, all officers concerned in Ministries/Departments should be requested to submit vouchers/documents to the Treasury at latest by the dates set out in the table hereunder. Additional information is provided in paragraphs 4 to 9 below.

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<td>Vouchers and documents in respect of June 2017 payroll (including manual paysheets)</td>
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3. Your attention is also drawn to paragraphs 10-11 and paragraph 12 regarding clearing of cheques/payable orders and collections respectively.

PENSIONS, COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCES AND SALARIES

4. Payments of pensions and compassionate allowances have been scheduled for Monday 19 June 2017, and payments of salaries for Government employees will be effected on Wednesday 28 June 2017. The necessary instructions regarding the submission of payrolls to this office have already been given to Ministries/Departments (Treasury Circular No. 8 of 2017 refers).
PAYMENT VOUCHERS (PVs)

5. With a view to ensuring the smooth and timely processing of payments at the Treasury, Ministries/Departments are requested to submit all PVs (including Goods Forms) so as to reach the Payment Section (Examination) of the Treasury on Thursday 22 June 2017, at latest.

6. The only exception to the above deadline will be in respect of Goods Form for urgent purchases. These vouchers should reach the Treasury not later than Friday 23 June 2017, to enable payments (both by cheques and bank transfers) by Thursday 29 June 2017.

7. You are kindly requested to ensure strict compliance to the above schedule. It should be noted that the Treasury will, under no circumstance, assume responsibility for unexecuted payments due to late submission of PVs.

PAYMENTS ABROAD

8. Instructions for payments to be effected abroad in respect of subscriptions to international organisations, amounts due to foreign contractors etc., should reach this office by Thursday 22 June 2017 at latest so as to enable transfers to be effected in time. No such requests for payments will be accepted at the Treasury after 22 June 2017 (except for those under urgent/special circumstances).

IMPRESTS

9. Imprests should be retired by Wednesday 28 June 2017 at latest and should be accompanied by a form (as per proforma), in triplicate, showing the particulars of the imprest as at the date of retirement. The TAS code to be used for crediting cash refunds is that shown on the Imprest Warrant, i.e. 86001001. The original of the form, duly acquitted, will be handed back to the Imprest Holder and the duplicate and triplicate will be retained by the Treasury.

The accounts code combination to be used is as follows:-

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Eg. Imprest of Treasury – 0.ETRY.86001001.0.0001.0.ETRY01.0.0

New Imprests for Financial Year 2017-2018 will be issued as from 03 July 2017. Applications for fresh imprests signed personally by Accounting Officers should be submitted to the Accountant-General by Thursday 15 June 2017 at latest. In order to reduce the number of small imprests being issued by this Office, it is suggested that all Ministries and Departments requiring more than one imprest should apply for main imprests from which sub-imprests would be issued to other officers in accordance with paragraph 1 of Chapter 20.7 of the Financial Management Manual.
CLEARING OF CHEQUES AND PAYABLE ORDERS

10. Every endeavour should be made to ensure that all persons or firms holding Government cheques or payable orders are notified that they should, as far as possible, arrange for clearance thereof before the close of business on 30 June 2017.

11. To avoid having unpaid cheques/payable orders at the end of the financial year, Ministries/Departments are requested to obtain the relevant bank details of suppliers/payees and to quote same on the payment vouchers, so that payment can be effected by the Treasury through bank transfer.

RECEIPTS

12. All cash collected on or before the last business day of June 2017, should be banked or paid in at District Cash Offices before the official closing time on 30 June 2017 and all revenues/receipts brought to account within the Financial Year 2016-2017.

SELF-ACCOUNTING MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS

13. Supervising Officers of Self-Accounting Ministries/Departments may issue their own instructions to meet their specific requirements but they should, however, ensure that the main provisions of this circular are strictly adhered to.

14. Your personal attention and co-operation is sought to enable the smooth closing of the Financial Year 2016-2017.

15. It would be appreciated if the contents of this circular could be brought to the attention of all officers concerned.

(C. ROMOOAH)
ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL

TREASURY,
PORT-LOUIS.
30 May 2017

Copy to: Financial Secretary
         Director of Audit
         Manager, Central Information Systems Division
         Director, Financial Operations
         Director, Procurement & Supply
         Director, Internal Control
PROFORMA

TO: ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL

Please note that Imprest Account No. .................. of 2016-2017 is being retired as follows:

Cash refunded as per C. B. ............... or
Receipt No. ............... of ............... - Rs
(duplicate receipt attached)
Accts. F. 245 with supporting vouchers attached - Rs

Total

Name of Imprest Holder :

Signature :

Title :

Ministry/Department :

Received as above

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Imprest Clerk, Treasury
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June 2017.