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Dear Chief Secretary,

I write to you about the process to finalise Annual Plan 2014-15 of States/UTs.

2. The level of Centre's Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the Annual Plan 2014-15 has not yet been decided. However, you may commence the process preparation of Draft Annual Plan 2014-15 on the basis of a 5% increase in the Normal Central Assistance (NCA), Special Central Assistance (SCA untied) and Special Plan Assistance (SPA) while keeping the other components of Central assistance at the same level as that of the previous year.

3. Adviser (Financial Resources), Planning Commission will be writing separately to Finance Secretary of your State/UT conveying the guidelines for projection of resources along with the necessary formats following the pattern of the previous year. The official level resource discussions with the States/UTs will be held in December-January 2013-14. We request you to ensure that Finance Secretaries of your State/UT send the information to FR Division of the Planning Commission in time.

4. Joint Secretary (State Plans), Planning Commission will shortly forward to your Planning Secretary a set of formats for inviting proposals for Annual Plan 2014-15 soon after the assessment of resources is completed.

5. As I have written to you earlier, it has been decided to restructure the existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes into 66 CSS (including the erstwhile "ACA" Schemes). All the CSS will be classified and budgeted together as Central Assistance to State Plan with effect from BE 2014-15. These decisions have implications for the size of the State Plan as some central transfers on the Plan side which were hitherto a part of Central Plan will henceforth be classified as Central Assistance to State Plan as it reflects the classification of fund flows from the Centre to the States appropriately.

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6. We have had a mutually fruitful discussion earlier in the year with some of the Special Category States to review the status of releases under SPA/ CSS for 2013-14. We would like a follow up discussion to review implementation issues in SPA/ CSS in February 2013 on a mutually convenient date, either in your state capital or Delhi.

7. However, I have written to you regarding the reorganization of official level Working Group/Sectoral discussions. Following this change, discussions were held in the previous year by the concerned Secretary of the Central Ministry/Department. The same pattern will also be followed for Annual Plan 2014-15. We will be requesting the Ministries to have a special session to issues relating to Special Category States /UTs.

8. I request you to send the Draft Annual State/UT Plan 2014-15 documents by the end of January 2014. We look forward to a constructive and fruitful dialogue with you in completion of the Annual Plan exercise for 2014-15.

Regards

Yours sincerely,


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Chief Secretaries of States (Special Category States)