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Subject: Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary – Revision of norms.

The Department of Justice has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary since 1993-94 to augment the resources of the State Governments in this regard. The scheme covers construction of court buildings and residential accommodation of judicial officers/judges covering High Courts and Subordinate Courts. The scheme aims at improving the physical infrastructure requirements of the courts as also the housing needs of judicial officers in the country with a view to facilitate better justice delivery.

2. The expenditure on the scheme is shared by the Centre and the State Governments on 50:50 basis in respect of the States other than North-Eastern States and 90:10 basis (90 being Central share) in respect of North-Eastern States. The Central share is however restricted to the State-wise allocations made out of the budget provision during the financial year under the scheme. Expenditure in respect of the Union Territories is fully met by the Central Government subject to budgetary provisions.

3.1 The Government has approved the proposal to modify the existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary as a programme under the National Mission for Justice delivery & Legal Reforms as under:

- (i) The ratio of Central / State assistance will be 75:25 instead of present 50:50. In case of North-Eastern States, the ratio will continue to be 90:10.
- (ii) The modified scheme will cover the District and Subordinate Courts and respective residential quarters only as Planning Commission has approved funding of proposals for construction of new High Court

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buildings with Additional Central Assistance (ACA) in the Centre / State funding ratio of 30:70.

(iii) The scheme will be implemented by the Mission Directorate in the Department of Justice as an important activity of the National Mission for Justice Delivery & Legal Reforms on a mission mode approach.

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