

General Notifications to the Principal Investigators of SERB-Funded Projects

In the light of nationwide lockdown on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been noted that it might not be possible for many of you (Principal Investigators) to forward Utilization Certificates (UCs) and Statement of Expenditure (SEs) in time. The following measures are suggested:

1. The institutes are advised to register as early as possible on the **Expenditure, Advance and Transfer (EAT)** module of the Government of India's Public Financial Management System (PFMS), which would help in filing of expenditure, transferring funds, advances and its settlement. This would facilitate release of funds by the SERB without presentation of physical UCs/SEs. Any release of grants-in-aid to non-complying institutes would be processed only on submission of UCs/SEs."
2. Till Institutes register on EAT module and if PIs are unable to get audited UCs/SEs due to lockdown, submission of **provisional UCs/SEs (duly signed by PI, designated Finance/Accounts authority and by the Head of the Institute)** for subsequent release of grants-in-aid.
3. Please also note that you have been granted a **three-month moratorium** (till 30th June, 2020) for submission of audited UCs/SEs and progress reports.

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