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Government of India

Ministry of Finance

Department of Economic Affairs

(IES Cadre)

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Room No. 59, North Block

New Delhi, Dated: 08th November, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Inviting applications from IES Officers for participation in the one-year Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme for Asia (JISPA) 2020-21 with National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan.

Indian Economic Service (IES) Cadre intends to sponsor two IES officers for the one-year Macroeconomic Policy Programme (Master of Public Policy or Master of Public Economics) under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme for Asia (JISPA) 2020-21 with National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan.

2. The Programme is intended for public officials and aims to contribute to institutional capacity building in economic policy making to promote sustainable growth of emerging and developing economies in Asia and the Pacific. The curriculum for the Programme includes mandatory courses on Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Econometrics, a policy paper closely supervised by the faculty, as well as several important elective courses such as Public Economics, Time Series Analysis, Strategy of Economic Development etc. The detailed brochure of the Programme may be accessed through the following link:

https://www.imf.org/en/Countries/ResRep/OAP-Home/JISPA-Home

3. Expenses related to the aforementioned one-year course will be borne by Government of Japan and administered by IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The Scholarship provides for admission and tuition fees; a monthly stipend (including a housing and subsistence allowance); medical/accident insurance; one-round trip economy class air-ticket; and a lump sum pre-arrival allowance to cover visa application costs, testing fees (such as TOEFL), and a medical examination; and book-shipping costs. The nominated Officer/s will be treated as on official duty for the entire period of the Programme and will be paid the Salary (Pay and other allowances) by the Ministry/Department/Organization where the Officer is posted.

4. Eligibility Guidelines for the instant Training Programme are at **Annexure-I**. Screening and shortlisting of applications for the Programme shall be done by a Standing Selection Committee in the Ministry of Finance and the decision of the Committee shall be binding and final. The shortlisted applications would be forwarded to JISPA team/GRIPS **for final selection**. The forwarding of applications to JISPA shall not be treated as approval of nomination. The participation of the nominated Officer/s in the Programme shall be subject to execution of a bond by the Officer/s as per the Terms and Conditions annexed thereto **(Annexure-II).**

5. It may be noted that post selection/nomination, 'political clearance', Visa Note, Visa etc. shall be obtained by the Ministry/Department/Organization where the nominated Officer is posted. The 'Deputation Order' shall also be issued by the Ministry/Department/Organization concerned.

6. Administration/Establishment Division of the participating Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations may forward the application of eligible and interested Officers in the prescribed format **(Annexure-III)** to the undersigned (Room No. 251, North Block, Department of Economic Affairs) or send it via e-mail at dilasha.vasudeva@gov.in latest by 18.11.2019.

7. This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

Sd/-

(Dilasha Anand)

Assistant Director (IES)

Tele: 91-11-23092491

To,

1. All IES Officers via e-mail
2. Ms. Surobhi Mukherjee with a request to upload the O.M. on IES website.

Annexure-I

Guidelines for being nominated to the one-year Macroeconomic Policy Programme (Master of Public Policy or Master of Public Economics) under Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme for Asia (JISPA) 2020-21 with National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan.

i. **Minimum Service**: The officer should have completed at least 9 years of service.

ii. **Upper age limit as on 1st July 2020**: 48 years

iii. **Cooling off:** The Officer should not have attended any short-term Training Programme/Seminar/workshop abroad, sponsored by the IES Cadre in the last two financial years and should not have attended any long-term Training Programme abroad, sponsored by the IES Cadre prior to the Programme that the officer is applying for. This implies that officers are eligible to undergo only one long-term Foreign Training Programme abroad in their career.

iv. **Departmental Enquiry/vigilance cases:** The Officer should not have any departmental proceedings/vigilance cases pending or contemplated against him/her.

v. **APAR grading:** The Officer should have 'very good' grading in their APAR for last five years with at least three outstanding entries and no adverse entries.

vi. **Selection Criterion:** selection of officers for being nominated to various Short-term and Long-term Training Programmes will be made by a Standing Selection Committee in DEA under the Chairmanship of Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India.

vii. Preference in nomination will be given to Officers who are manning Cadre posts (and not on deputation).

viii. **Debarment:**

a. If an officer does not attend the course or withdraws his/her request at any stage after getting nominated for a course, he/she will be debarred as per provisions. The debarment will be for two financial years for not attending a short-term training programme and for three financial years for not attending a long-term training programme.

b. The officers who drop out with less than three weeks remaining for the commencement of the programme on the ground of official exigencies shall be automatically debarred from any foreign training for a period of one financial year.

ix. Undertaking:

a. An officer has to give an Undertaking that in case of any false information furnished by him/her in the application form, the full expenditure incurred on their training would be recovered from them with penal interest and action under CCS (CCA) Rules/other relevant rules will be initiated against them.

b. Officers nominated for Long Term Programmes shall be required to execute a bond, before commencement of the course, to continue to serve the Government for a period of five years after completion of the course.

x. Feedback:

a. It shall be mandatory for the officers attending long term and short term programmes to give their feedback about the programme attended. The Officers who do not submit feedback, after undergoing a foreign training programme, may be restricted in future from applying for any Training Programme being sponsored by the IES Cadre.

b. The Officers nominated for long term courses shall submit a case study/a theme paper related to their course and shall be available as guest faculty for two financial years for providing training to IES officers on 5 related subjects at the Institute of Economic Growth.

Annexure-II

Terms and conditions:

I. During training, the nominated Officer/s will be treated as on-duty and will be paid the Salary (Pay and other allowances) by the respective Ministry/Department/Organization.

II. The expenses related to the proposed 1 year course under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme will be borne by the Government of Japan and administered by the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The Scholarship provides for admission and tuition fees; a monthly stipend (including a housing and subsistence allowance); medical/accident insurance; one-round trip economy class air-ticket; and a lump sum pre-arrival allowance to cover visa application costs, testing fees (such as TOEFL), and a medical examination; and book-shipping costs.

III. Any medical expense not covered by the Medical insurance provided under JISPA and not falling under "emergency cases" as defined under the Assisted Medical Attendance (AMA) Scheme of the Ministry of External Affairs shall have to be borne by the Officer himself/herself.

IV. The cost of the medical expenses with respect to ailments of non-continuing nature i.e. emergency cases, which have not been detected at the normal place of residence, shall be covered under the Assisted Medical Attendance (AMA) Scheme of the Ministry of External Affairs as contained in MEA's letter no. G/GA/653/1/74 dated 5/3/1979 as amended from time to time and will be subsequently reimbursed by the IES Cadre.

V. During his/her stay abroad, the nominated Officer will not take part in any activity which would contravene the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

VI. Employment in any form shall not be accepted by the nominated Officer during the period of stay in Japan.

VII. The officer will sign a bond regarding certain obligations as per the prescribed format [***Annexure-II (a)***].

Annexure-II(a)

BOND TO BE EXECUTED BY A GOVERNMENT SERVANT WHEN DEPUTED BY GOVERNMENT FOR LONG TERM FOREIGN TRAINING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I,_____, resident of _____ at present employed as_____in _____ do hereby bind myself and my heirs, executors and administrators to pay to the President of India (hereinafter called the 'Government') on demand all charges and expenses that shall or may have been incurred by the Government for my foreign training i.e. all monies paid to me or expended on my account during training such as pay and allowances, leave salary, tuition fee, cost of international travel etc. met by the Government under Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme for Asia (JISPA) 2020-21 , together with interest thereon from the date of demand at Government rates, for the time being in force, on Government loans or, if payment is made in a country other than India, the equivalent of the said amount in currency of that country converted at the official rate of exchange between that country and India AND TOGETHER with all costs between attorney and client.

WHEREAS I,_____am being deputed for training abroad by Government.

AND WHEREAS for the better protection of the Government I have agreed to execute this bond with such conditions as written hereunder.

NOW THE CONDITIONS OF THE ABOVE WRITIEN OBLIGATION ARE THAT;

I. *In the event of my repatriation becoming desirable or necessary on account of personal difficulties or circumstances, I* ***shall forthwith bear all the expenditure incurred on my repatriation.***

II. *In the event of my failing to resume duty, or resigning or retiring from service or otherwise quitting service, without returning to duty after expiry or termination of the period of training, OR failing to complete the Training Programme, OR quitting the service at any time within a period of FIVE (5) years after my return to duty, I shall forthwith pay to the Government or as may be directed by the Government, on demand the said sum together with interest thereon from the date of demand at Government rates for the time being in force on Government loans.*

III. *Moreover, in case of medical expenses which are not covered by the*

medical insurance under Medical Insurance Scheme under Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme for Asia (JISPA) 2020-21, the Sponsoring Agency viz. the IES Cadre shall bear 30% of the cost. However, the cost of medical expenses with respect to ailments of non-continuing nature i.e. emergency cases, which have not been detected at the normal place of residence shall be covered under the Assisted Medical Attendance (AMA) Scheme of the Ministry of External Affairs contained in MEA's letter No. G/GA/653/1/74 dated 5/3/79 as amended from time to time and will be subsequently reimbursed by the IES Cadre. ***I shall bear any medical expenses not covered under the aforesaid circumstances.***

AND upon my making such payment the above written obligation shall be void and of no effect; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

The Bond shall in all respects be governed by the laws of India for the time being in force and the rights and liabilities hereunder shall, where necessary, be accordingly determined by the appropriate Courts of India.

Signed and dated this_____ day of _____ , year

Signed and delivered by _____ (Name and designation)

In presence of

Witnesses: 1.

2.

ACCEPTED

On behalf of the President of India by the Cadre Controlling Authority

(Authorised Signatory)

Annexure-III

Application Form

1. Name of the applicant (Dr./Mr./Miss/Mrs.):

2. Batch/Year of entry into IES:

3. Age as on 01.07.2020:

4. Ministry/Department where currently posted:

5. Designation:

6. Mailing Address:
   (i) Office
   (ii) Residence
   (iii) E-mail

7. Telephone No.
   (i) Office (ii)Residence (iii) Mobile

8. Details of published research papers, if any. Attach separate sheet.

9. Whether attended any short-term Training programme/ Conferences/Workshops/Seminars abroad sponsored by IES Cadre in the last 2 financial years? If yes, details thereof.

10. Whether attended any long-term Training Programme abroad, sponsored by IES Cadre? If yes, details thereof.

11. Reasons for interest in the Programme including expectations from it (maximum 300 words). Attach a separate sheet.

12. I hereby declare that all particulars given by me in this application are correct.

Place Signature of Applicant

Date Name