OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Inviting applications from IES officers for participation in the one-year Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme for Asia (JISPA) 2019-20 with National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan.

Indian Economic Service (IES) Cadre intends to sponsor two IES officers (with at least five years of service) 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) 2019-20 with National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan.

2. The Programme is intended for junior level 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 and Strategy of Economic Development. The detailed brochure of the Programme may be accessed on the following link:


3. 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, annual book allowance and monthly living allowance, computer/software allowance, medical insurance, round-trip airfare and travel allowance. 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. Guidelines for shortlisting applications for the instant Training Programme are at Annexure-I. Screening and shortlisting of applications of officers 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 participation of the nominated officer/s in the Programme shall be subject to execution of a bond by the officer/s with the IES Cadre as per the Terms and Conditions annexed thereto (Annexure-II).
5. It may be noted that post selection/nomination, 'political clearance'/Visa Note etc. shall be obtained by the Ministry/Department/Organization where the 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 09.11.2018.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Dilasha Anand)
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Copy to:

1. All IES Officers via e-mail
2. Ms. Arya B.K. with a request to upload it on the IES website.
Annexure-I

The guidelines for being nominated to the one-year Macroeconomic Policy Programme (Master of Public Policy or Master of Public Economics) under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme for Asia (JISPA) 2019-20 with National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan.

i) Minimum Service:
The officer should have completed at least 5 years of service.

ii) The officer should be holding Cadre post (not on deputation of any type) at the time of submission of application.

ii) Number of years of Service left after the Training cum Exposure visit:
The officer should have a minimum of five years of service left after completion of the Training Programme.

iii) Cooling off:

(a) The officers having attended up to 2 weeks of Foreign Training sponsored by the IES Cadre are required to complete cooling off period of at least one year.

(b) The officers having attended foreign trainings/seminars/workshops sponsored by any other Ministry/Department/Organization of up to 2 weeks of duration are required to complete a cooling off period of six months.

(c) The officers having attended foreign trainings/seminars/workshops of more than 2 weeks of duration are required to complete a cooling off period of at least two years.

iv) Number of Trainings:

(a) IES officers can attend a maximum of two foreign training programmes sponsored by the IES Cadre in a span of 3 years.

(b) IES officers are eligible for only one long-term Training Programme sponsored by the IES Cadre in their career.

v) APAR grading:
The officer should have Outstanding/Very Good grading (with minimum of three outstanding grading) in APARs of the last five years, with no adverse entries.

vi) Departmental proceedings:

(a) The officer should not have any departmental proceedings/Vigilance cases pending or contemplated against him/her.

(b) The officer, on selection, would need to submit an undertaking to serve in the IES for at least five years or till retirement, whichever is earlier, on returning from the course.

vii) Feedback about work-related performance of the officer may be obtained before nominating him/her for any of Training Programmes.

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Terms and conditions:

I. During training, the nominated officer 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, annual book allowance and monthly living allowance, computer/software allowance, medical insurance, round-trip airfare and travel allowance.

III. 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.

IV. 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.

V. 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/IA/653/1/74 dated 5/3/1979 as amended from time to time and will be subsequently reimbursed by the IES Cadre.

VI. 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.

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

VIII. The officer will sign a bond regarding certain obligations as per the prescribed format (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 __________________________ in __________________________, 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) 2019-20, 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 WRITTEN 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) 2019-20, 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 __________ and

Witnesses: 1.

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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 31st October, 2018:

4. Ministry/Department where currently posted:

5. Designation:


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

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

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

10. Whether attended any long-term/short-term training program abroad in the last 2 years? If yes, details thereof.

11. Whether attended any Conferences/Workshops/Seminars abroad during the last two years? If yes, details thereof.

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

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

Place

Signature of Applicant

Date

Name