To,

Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of GoI
Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs
(Through the official website of DoPT-www.dopt.gov.in)

Sub: DFFT scheme 2020-21 – one year long term program on “Master in Public Administration (MPA)” at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Training Division, DoPT, conducts long term and short term training programs in institutes/universities abroad under the scheme of Domestic Funding of Foreign Training (DFFT). While the policy for training under DFFT scheme 2019-20 is currently under finalization and circular in this regard will be issued separately, it is brought to the notice of officers who are willing to apply for one year long term program on Master in Public Administration (MPA) at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore that the deadline for application for this program is 31st December 2019 for the academic year 2020-21 commencing in August 2020. For further details, kindly refer to the website of LKY.

2. The proposed eligibility for the above course is as under:

(a) Service eligibility
   (i) IAS officers, CSS/CSSS officers and officers of State Civil Service irrespective of their place of posting;
   (ii) Other AIS (IPS, IFoS)/Group ‘A’ Central Civil Service officers during the tenure of deputation under Central Staffing Scheme of DoPT;

(b) Minimum length of service as on 1st July 2020
   1. IAS officers who have completed 7 years of service;
   2. Other AIS (IPS and IFoS) officers and Group ‘A’ Central Civil Service officers who have completed 9 years of service;
3. State Civil Services (SCS) officers who have completed at least 9 years of service from the date of joining as Deputy Collector;
4. CSS/CSSS officers who have completed 5 years of service in Group ‘A’ including as Under Secretary/PPS.

(c) Upper age limit as on 1st July 2020: 48 years

(The above eligibility conditions are proposed for 2020-21 and therefore subject to approval of the competent authority)

3. Since the timeline for finalization of slotting under DFFT scheme 2020-21 is likely to exceed the admission timeline of the above university, the interested officers are requested to apply for the courses through online portal of the university. While applying, the officers should ensure that they fulfill the conditions stipulated by the institutes for the particular course. The officers are also required to make online application against the DFFT circular which will be issued in due course. After finalization of slotting of officers under DFFT, the successful officers shall be provided funding under DFFT scheme. Priority will be given to those applicants who have also applied online to the universities. The above course was shortlisted for the year 2019-20 and is likely to be continued. Its continuation is, however, subject to approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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