



## ROYAL AUDIT AUTHORITY

Bhutan Integrity House

Reporting on Economy, Efficiency & Effectiveness in the use of Public Resources



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## **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

**Subject: Resolution of All Pending Audit Issues** 

The Royal Audit Authority (RAA) has consistently observed that some agencies are apathetic in resolving audit issues for a prolonged period of time. This only demonstrate weak leadership, lack of due regard to the rule of law and undermines the basic principles of accountability and good governance. In order to resolve these chronic issues, the RAA hereby issues a final notice to all Audited Agencies having unresolved audit issues an opportunity to display their earnest commitment to promoting accountability, integrity and good governance.

Therefore, all agencies having pending issues are hereby directed to resolve it within the next three (3) months, effective from the date of this notification. This three-month period is provided as a final opportunity for audited agencies to submit Action Taken Report in such manner as relayed in various preceding correspondences. Further, attention of the Head of Agencies are invited to refer Section 123 of the Audit Act which states that, "Any serious cases remaining unresolved for 12 months after deliberation in the Parliament shall be referred to the Court of Law by the agencies concerned. Failure to refer such cases to the Court of Law shall result in denial of Audit Clearance Certificate to the Head of agencies concerned".

These agencies must note that any inaction to this Public Notification within three-month prescribed deadline is an offence in terms of Section 146 and liable for punitive action under Section 147(2) of the Audit Act of Bhutan 2018 respectively.

Section 146(3) stipulates that, "If a person fails to provide written replies to audit observations within the time frame stipulated by the Authority; or fails to furnish Action Taken Report on the audit report within the time frame stipulated by the Authority" and Section 147(2) states that, "An offence under subsection 146(3) shall not be issued an Audit Clearance Certificate and shall also be liable for administrative action, if necessary".

All Heads of Agencies and officials concerned are personally urged to ensure strict compliance with this directive in our collective effort towards promoting integrity, accountability and good governance.

For further clarification, please contact the respective focal persons which is appended with this notification on our website @ www.bhutanaudit.gov.bt and/or at 02-322111 Ext 7015.

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"Every individual must strive to be principled. And individuals in positions of responsibility must even strive harder."
- His Majesty the King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck

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