Item 22180 Mission Expenses (Ministers, Delegates and Officials) under Vote 26-01 “Centrally Managed Expenses of Government” provides for expenses relating to missions abroad and overseas capacity-building programmes.

2. For Financial Year 2018-2019, an amount of Rs21.1M has been earmarked as the ceiling for your Ministry for such expenditure, as follows:

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<th>Mission abroad</th>
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3. To ensure judicious use of funds and for expenditure to remain under the approved ceiling, you are kindly requested to adhere to the following:

   (i) missions to be prioritized;

   (ii) missions are undertaken only if the physical presence of the official is required, and the participation of the official is considered crucial, adds value to the organizational objective and is in the interest of the country;

   (iii) the number of delegates to be kept to the minimum, except for missions where specific technical expertise may be required;

   (iv) the route chosen to be the most economical and direct one; and

   (v) the most appropriate officials to be designated for any mission, taking into consideration the expected objectives and outcome of the mission, and the level of representation expected as well as the technical skills required.

4. The Mission Cell of this Ministry may be contacted on telephone numbers 201-2659/201-1594/201-2209 or fax number 201-3948.

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   for Financial Secretary

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