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Department of Expenditure
(PF-II Division)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification for Direct Benefit Transfer – payment of transaction charges to Banks/ Payment Banks/ Post Offices.

Reference is invited to the DoE OM of even number dated 26.02.2016 and clarifications sought by NPCI / Banks on certain issues of interpretation. In this regard, I am directed to give the following clarifications:

- I. It has already been specified vide DoE OM dated 26.02.2016 that the transaction charges payable on DBT transactions will be settled at monthly intervals on the basis of vouchers and details of successful transactions submitted by NPCI. Therefore, only successful transactions i.e. transactions successfully credited by the destination bank to the beneficiary account will be eligible for transaction charges (and also cash-out incentives for MGNREGA, Maternity Benefits and Pension Schemes).
- II. With regard to the charges for transactions pertaining to the State DBT Schemes, transaction charges as per the extant NPCI circular will be applicable, for which the NPCI may approach the respective State Governments for settlement of its claims.
- III. For Centrally Sponsored DBT Schemes, even though benefit transfers will be made from the State Consolidated Fund (State Employment Guarantee Fund in case of MGNREGA) transaction charges and cash-out incentives, which are in the nature of administrative charges, will be paid by the respective Departments of the Central Government on the basis of vouchers and details of successful transactions submitted by NPCI as stipulated in the DoE OM dated 26.02.2016.
- IV. For DBT transactions not routed through NPCI in 2015-16 after the issuance of DoE OM dated 20.08.2015, data for payment of transaction charges and cash out incentive may be taken from PFMS and matched with the data submitted by banks and charges paid accordingly.

- V. It may be noted that for all DBT transactions for 2015-16, which were not routed through NPCI, transaction charges shall be payable at the extant NPCI rate only. After 31.03.2016, DBT/DBTL transactions not routed through NPCI will not be entitled to either transaction charges or cash out incentives.
- VI. PFMS should expeditiously provide the scheme details on all transactions with generic code "CPSMS" for the list provided by NPCI so that NPCI can settle their claims on such transaction with the respective Departments implementing the schemes. Henceforth, PFMS should provide the scheme details while sending the payment files to the sponsored banks.


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