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Ministry of Finance
Plan Finance-II Division

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Framework to be followed by all Ministries/ Departments for bringing all schemes involving components of cash transfers to individual beneficiaries on DBT platform—reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that DBT Programme was mandated to provide an overarching vision and direction to enable *direct* cash transfers of benefits under various government schemes and programmes to individuals, leveraging the gains in the Aadhaar Project, financial inclusion and other initiatives of the Government, with the objective of accurately targeting the intended beneficiaries and enhancing efficiency, transparency and accountability. The objective was to rollout the implementation of a seamless electronic Aadhaar based cash transfer for transfer of cash benefits to beneficiaries directly for as many government schemes and benefits as possible.

Accordingly, such Government programme and schemes were identified for which direct cash transfers to individuals can be adopted along with it's the extent and scope.

The architecture and framework for direct cash transfers was put in place for rolling out direct cash transfers across the country. As a result few Schemes, like Scholarships, Pensions and other benefits were taken up in selected districts, of higher Aadhaar enrolment, in the first phase. Thereafter, DBT was successfully introduced in LPG Subsidy (DBTL).

Presently DBT in 35 schemes and Modified DBTL (PAHAL) have been expanded across the entire country.

For greater and universal impact on efficiency in delivery of benefits, their timeliness, along with accurately targeting of the intended beneficiaries, it is imperative that DBT may be extended beyond the transfers from the Centre directly to individuals to all schemes/projects that have any component of cash benefits transfer to individual beneficiaries, from levels other than Central i.e., from State/District or sub district level or Govt/Non-govt agencies.

In view of the above and to fulfil the mandate of the DBT programme to determine broad policy objectives and strategies for direct cash transfers, it has been decided that for all Schemes, whether Central Sector Schemes or Centrally Sponsored Schemes, following framework needs to be implemented by all Ministries/Departments: -

(a) Central Sector Schemes :

- (i) Each Department/ Ministry will transfer funds electronically to each beneficiary (individual or institution).
- (ii) In case funds are being transferred to any institution that institution shall transfer cash component of those funds to each beneficiary electronically.
- (iii) Ministry/Department will prepare a digitized list of all beneficiaries for the same. The list will be populated with Aadhaar number by 30th June, 2015. E-transfer of funds will start in all schemes not later than April, 2015.
- (iv) The deadline for this task would be 30th April, 2015.

(b) Central Sponsored Schemes :

In these schemes, the following two options are available.

- (i) Funds are transferred to State Governments. Hence, each Ministry/Department will work with the respective State Governments to ensure that the cash component of each scheme is transferred electronically to each beneficiary (individual or institution). In case funds are being transferred to any institution that institution shall transfer cash component of those funds to each beneficiary electronically.

- (ii) Each Ministry/Department could obtain a list of eligible beneficiaries and would transfer funds directly. For this purpose, they will prepare a digitized list by 30th March, 2015 and shall be populated with 100 per cent Aadhaar number by 30th June, 2015.
- (c) Further for all schemes, where cash is being transferred to individual beneficiaries, through some component of the Scheme/ project, it would be ensured that:
- (i) The concerned Departments/Ministries will use the PFMS system of CGA or NEFT system for the above purpose.
- (ii) They will cover all Plan and non Plan Schemes.
- (d) It would however be ensured by the Ministries / Departments that no eligible beneficiary suffers for want of Aadhaar and it would be their responsibility to ensure that Aadhaar enrolment of such beneficiaries is carried out on priority.




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