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Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Plan Finance-II

Dated, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2014  
North Block, New Delhi

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

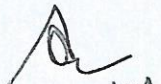
**Subject: Mandatory use of Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for Payment, Accounting and Reporting under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).**

The undersigned is directed to inform you that it is understood all the schemes being implemented under DBT are transferring money directly into the bank accounts of beneficiaries. In this context, it has been decided that the Financial Advisors in the Ministries will ensure that no payments under the DBT schemes are processed, unless the electronic payment files for such payments are being received through the PFMS System developed by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Ministry of Finance from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015.

2. As you may be aware, PFMS system has been developed as an end to end solution for preparation and processing of beneficiary list; payments to beneficiary (through APB or directly in bank accounts), accounting, generating Utilisation Certificate (UCs); and reporting of government funds to provide a 'single version of truth' for money being spent in the Ministries or by the PSUs/Autonomous Bodies and other Implementing Agencies after receiving grant or subsidy from Ministry. Earlier DBT App (developed by NIC) has been discontinued as same functionalities were already available in PFMS for preparation of beneficiary lists.

3. It has been also observed that some Ministries are developing additional software application for DBT of their scheme, even though the same functionalities are available or can be customised (without any extra cost to Ministry) by PFMS. Ministries shall ensure that no expenditure is incurred on development of software applications leading to duplication of efforts and additional cost to Government. PFMS can be customised for any additional requirement for user Ministry. Shri S. K. Mathur, Joint CGA, PFMS Cell, Office of CGA (Phone: 23343860, email: s\_mathur@gov.in, website: pfms.nic.in) may be contacted in this regard.

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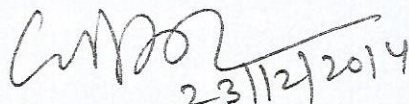




4. Existing systems where beneficiary list is being prepared under schemes e.g. MCTS (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare), and NREGA-SOFT (Ministry of Rural Development) and OSMS (Ministry of Minority Affairs) shall be mandatorily linked with PFMS for processing of payments, accounting and reporting. This task should be completed in a time bound manner by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Any existing working system in any other ministry, which is facilitating generation of beneficiary lists, should be informed to Ministry of Finance by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

5. This O.M. shall not be applicable to modified DBTL being implemented by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The IT System used for processing DBTL payments should be linked with PFMS for daily update of information for comprehensive MIS.

6. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

  
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To,

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Director General (UIDAI) / Director General (NIC) / Governor, RBI / Joint Secretary (DBT)

Controller General of Accounts {with a request to provide report on compliance of this by implementing ministries}.

Copy also to:

1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi-110004 for kind information.
2. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, PMO, South Block, Raisina Hill New Delhi-110011 for kind information.