As you may be aware that Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is a major reform initiative of the Government where cash benefits are transferred directly in the bank accounts (preferably Aadhaar seeded) of the identified beneficiaries. DBT programme which began on 1.1.2013 has now been universalised to cover all the Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Plan/Non-Plan) vide DBT Mission O.M. dated 13.2.2015 and 19.2.2015 where cash benefits are transferred to individual beneficiaries.

2. Public Financial Management System (PFMS) implemented by Controller General of Accounts (CGA) is a payment platform and Deptt. of Expenditure vide O.M.No.22(09)PF-I(2012)(Vol.I)(Pt) dated 23rd December, 2014 has made it mandatory for all Departments to transfer Govt. funds online to States/user Agencies/Beneficiaries. PFMS is a bed rock for transferring DBT benefits. More than 70 schemes has already on-boarded PFMS and 25 states also have been integrated with PFMS.

3. Since Union Territories are under direct control of Government of India and reform initiatives like DBT and PFMS must be adopted by the UT Administrations for efficiently delivering public services. I would request if instructions can be issued to Administrators of Union Territories for using PFMS for transfer of Govt. funds to various Departments/Agencies/Corporations/Beneficiaries mandatorily. UTs may take help from CGA office for implementing PFMS. This will bring transparency, accountability and efficiency in the delivery process in various welfare programmes run by UTs.

With regards,

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