

F. No. 6/41/2012-FI (Part-III) (C-59329)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services

3rd floor, Jeevan Deep Building, SansadMarg
New Delhi
Dated: 20th May, 2019

To

1. Chairman/ MD& CEOs of all Public Sector Banks
2. CEO, IBA (for circulation to Private Sector Banks and other member banks)
3. Chairman, NABARD (for circulation to Cooperative Banks)

Subject: DBT related issues pertaining to PFMS, NPCI and banks – regarding

Sir/ Madam,

DBT Mission vide its OM no. D-110011/24/2016-DBT dated 14.05.2019 has forwarded record of discussion of the meeting held on 08.05.2019 in DBT Mission, to discuss DBT related issues pertaining to Public Financial Management System (PFMS), National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and banks. The minutes of the meeting are enclosed for information.

2. In view of the decisions taken in the meeting, all banks are requested to ensure the following ;

(i) Adherence of timelines mentioned in the Standard Operating Procedure for DBT payments issued by DBT Mission (copy enclosed). Accordingly, all bank accounts validation may be completed within 16 working hours (maximum 48 hours for Cooperative banks or non- CBS Postal Banks).

(ii) Use of NPCI platform for making DBT payments in line with D/o Expenditure circular no. 32(07)/PF-II/2011 (Vol.II) dated 26.05.2017 (copy enclosed).

(iii) Adherence of RBI guidelines on allowing of DBT payments in inoperative / dormant bank accounts and communication of DFS dated 01.06.2018 regarding small accounts (copies enclosed).

(iv) Use of standard return codes for DBT payments. All sponsor banks to ensure that the return codes received from NPCI should be submitted to PFMS. Non- adherence of which would entail suitable deductions in DBT charges / commissions.

(v) Not treating 'deemed success' cases as successful while reporting to PFMS. Separate codes / flags of PFMS and NPCI to be followed.

(vi) Use of extension flag facility of NPCI for cases where payments could not be credited due to network failure.

(vii) Timely seeding and deseeding of Aadhaar numbers from NPCImapper by banks.

3. In this regard, reference is also invited to this Department's letter no. 1/21/2014-FI (Vol.II) (C-69551) dated 08.02.2019, enclosing minutes of the meeting held on 29.01.2019 in this Department regarding issues of Payment failure(s) in DBT schemes.

Yours faithfully,



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Encl: as above

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Ms Shalini Gupta , Deputy Director, DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, 4th Floor, Shivaji Stadium Annexe, Rajiv Chowk, New Delhi – as an action taken on para 2.8 of the above minutes .