

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee on Direct Cash Transfers held in
PMO on 26.12.2012

The list of the participants is annexed.

2. The meeting was chaired by the Principal Secretary to PM. Principal Secretary wanted to know whether all the officers who had been asked to visit districts had sent in their reports and what was the status on preparedness for rollout.
3. Secretary, Planning Commission mentioned that as directed in the National Committee on Direct Cash Transfers, a meeting was held to finalise a common format for data collection and a consolidated circular has been issued for data collection, superseding those issued by Ministries/ Departments earlier. This should now be used as the basis for collecting data on beneficiaries, Aadhaar numbers and bank accounts.
4. Secretary, Planning Commission also mentioned that reports were yet to be received from 7 districts and the compilation for the others was going on as many of these had come in just now. A few Secretaries described the state of preparedness in a few districts and the issues they identified for enabling a smooth rollout.
6. Finance Secretary mentioned that keeping in mind the change in the process of transferring funds to beneficiaries, there is also a need to change the funds flow process for each scheme taking advantage of the benefits that come out of direct cash transfers. This would need a change in the payment instructions and utilisation certificates for each scheme.
7. After detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken:
 - i. The Planning Commission would share a set of the district reports with all the members of the Executive Committee.
 - ii. The Planning Commission would complete the compilation of district-wise, scheme-wise preparedness information and circulate it to all members of the Executive Committee by 28.12.2012 morning.
 - iii. A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on 28.12.2012 evening to finalise the list of districts and list of schemes which will be included in the rollout on 1.1.2013.
 - iv. Secretaries of Departments implementing schemes will come to this meeting with information on
 - a. the next cycle of payments for each of their schemes
 - b. the position on release funds for each of these schemes and from where the transfers would take place in January 2013.
 - c. Preparation for issuing amended payment instructions by each implementing Department, in consultation with DoE / CGA.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the chair.

List of participants for the meeting taken by Principal Secretary to PM on 26.12.2012 at 5:00 p.m. at South Block on issues relating to Direct Benefit Transfer

1. Shri Ajit Seth, Cabinet Secretary
2. Shri D.K. Mittal, Secretary, Department of Financial Services
3. Shri J. Satyanarayana, Secretary, Department of Electronics & IT
4. Shri R. Bhartacharya, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy
5. Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary Department of Higher Education
6. Shri Anil Goswami, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
7. Smt. L.M. Vas Secretary, Department of Panchayati Raj
8. DR. Sutanu Behuria, Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs
9. Shri P.K. Pradhan, Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare
10. Dr. M. Sarangi, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment
11. Shri Prem Narain, Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development
12. Shri GC Chaturvedi, Secretary , Petroleum & Natural Gas
13. Shri Sudhir Mittal, Secretary, Department of Fertilizers
14. Shri Sudhir Kumar, Secretary, Department of Food & Civil Supplies
15. Shri J. Satyanarayana, Secretary, D/o Electronics & DietY
16. Shri Y.K. Sharma, DG, NIC
17. Shri R.S. Sharma, Director General UIDAI
18. Smt. Sindhushree Khullar, Secretary, Planning Commission.
19. Ms. Nidhi Khare, Advisor, Planning Commission
20. Shri Umesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Financial Services
21. Shri Sourabh Garg, Joint Secretary, Department of Expenditure

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22. Principal Secretary to PM.
23. Shri BVR Subrahmanyam, JS to PM
24. Shri Sanjay Lohiya, Director