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### **Office Memorandum**

**Subject: Banking arrangements of the State/District Level Implementing Agencies handling Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes of various Ministries of Government of India.**

The Department of Expenditure, M/o Finance has issued directions to all the Ministries that for the purpose of improved financial management in implementation of government funded schemes & for facilitating Just-in-Time releases and monitoring the usage of funds including information on its ultimate utilization, it is necessary for all Implementing agencies and Grantee Institutions to universally adopt Public Financial Management System (PFMS) platform. It further asks all the Ministries/Departments to take the following steps:

- (i) All Central Schemes should be mapped/configured and brought on the PFMS platform.
- (ii) All Implementing Agencies (IAs) receiving and utilizing funds need to be mandatorily registered on PFMS.
- (iii) Usage of PFMS modules should be made mandatory for all registered agencies for making payments, advances and transfers.
- (iv) All Departmental Agencies incurring expenditure in respect of Central Sector Schemes should register and compulsorily use the PFMS Modules.
- (v) All Grantee Institutions may be directed to adopt PFMS modules for making Payments/Transfers/Advance from Grants received from the Central govt. This will enable generation of on-line Utilisation Certificates for claiming funds from Central government.
- (vi) Ministries may also take action for integrating their respective systems/applications with the PFMS.

2. It further states that as per the approved Action Plan, all Central Ministries / Department should complete the full roll-out in respect of the Ministry / Department and Attached/Subordinate Offices by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 and all Grantee Institutions should complete the roll out by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

3. The PFMS-Core Banking Solution Interface facilitates online validation of beneficiaries, and Agencies bank account details. Electronic payment files are generated through PFMS for three modes of payments, viz. Print Payment Advice (PPA), Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and Corporate Internet Banking (CINB). At present, PFMS –CBS interface is operational with Public Sector Banks (26), Regional Rural Banks (50), and Private Sector Banks (10). PFMS has interface with India Post and RBI too.

4. In this context it has been observed by this office that the scheme guidelines of many of the schemes were formulated before the expansion of banking sector and the changes that

took place afterwards have not been incorporated on issues related to banking arrangements of the Implementing Agencies at various levels.

5. Further, the Scheme guidelines of some of the Ministries/ Departments are still limiting their scheme implementing agencies to Nationalised/ PSU Banks only due to presence of limiting banking clauses in their old scheme guidelines. In addition to this, few schemes due to absence of clarity on banking clause, get inclined on preferring PSU Banks rather than any scheduled commercial bank.

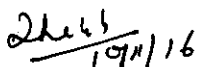
6. In this regard, this office, vide O.M. no. S-11012/3(1)/Ref Case 2010/1119-1179 dated 30.06.2015 had issued clarification on the government agency business and banking arrangements of autonomous bodies, prefunded schemes etc. This office had already clarified vide its above referred letter in consultation with Dept. of Financial Services on eligibility of Scheduled Commercial Private Sector Banks for participation in Pre-Funded Schemes and accordingly all concerned Departments/Ministries were advised to make enabling provisions within the scheme implementation guidelines and issue necessary instructions to grantee institutions at the earliest on inclusion of scheduled commercial banks.

7. The following category of banks operating in India and regulated under Banking Regulation Act 1949, which have been notified as Scheduled Commercial Banks can handle accounts of Implementing Agencies/ Autonomous Bodies/Societies.

- (i) State Bank of India and its associates
- (ii) Nationalised Banks (PSU Banks)
- (iii) Regional Rural banks
- (iv) Other Scheduled Commercial Banks (Private Sector Banks)

8. All the Ministries/Departments are therefore, requested to consider the above mentioned facts and clarifications and have a relook at the scheme guidelines relating to the banking arrangements of the Implementing Agencies/Autonomous Bodies/Societies and make necessary changes, if required, so that all the Scheduled Commercial Banks (except Foreign Banks) are able to participate fully in the implementation of their schemes with the universal roll out of the release of grants through PFMS.

This issues with the approval of Controller General of Accounts.

  
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