

Minutes of the first meeting of DBT State Advisory Board chaired by Chief Secretary held on 9/11/2016 at 11.30 a.m in the Secretariat Seminar hall, Porvorim.

The list of Officers who attended the meeting is enclosed.

At the outset, Director, DPSE briefed the participants on various issues related to payments in cash and kind transfers on the DBT platform. Goa is in an advantageous position as the State Government has long back introduced the system of ECS payment and it is easy for the State to move on the DBT platform. Initially only few central schemes were onboard, but in the last meeting Chief Secretary has stressed that all the schemes having huge money transfers, salary payments, etc have to be effected through the DBT platform.

2. Shri Shivraman, DIO, NIC then made a brief presentation on the overview of DBT which also included slides on implementation of central schemes in the State as well as on the status of Aadhaar coverage, Aadhaar Payment bridge, Aadhaar authentication, setting up of DBT Cell, PFMS, DBT Mission, etc.

3. After the presentation, Chief Secretary apprised the participants that Government of India has set the target to implement DBT for all the States by 30th December 2016 and in case of Goa, we could consider 30th November 2016 as the target to board the DBT platform. He pointed out that if major Departments namely Social Welfare, RDA, Education, Tribal Welfare, Health, Civil Supplies & Women & Child Development are on board with the DBT platform then 90% of the task is over for a small State like Goa. He invited the HODs to give feedback on their DBT readiness. Planning Dept and Secretary Planning would extend necessary support and assistance in this endeavor. As such, in value terms it is very easy to board the DBT platform.

4. Finance Secretary added that all cash transfers under subsidies, scholarships and other beneficiary schemes is done through ECS so also Revenue & Capital expenditure of the State is through ECS. So the first stage has already been achieved. More than that, Payment of Wages, Pensions, etc also need to be brought under the ambit of DBT. All that needs to be done is to shift to DBT platform so as to weed out ghost/bogus beneficiaries which is not happening at the moment. Another issue discussed with the bankers is linking of bank accounts with Aadhaar. In case of Goa, most of the residents have more than one bank account and this fact needs to be taken into account while linking with DBT. Finance Secretary also noted that in the next financial year for schemes such as disbursement of scholarships, release of second installment and the UCs may be linked with DBT and hence deadline needs to be met.

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5. Chief Secretary also stressed on the JAM trinity which would play a key role in the near future wherein Prime Minister's Jandhan Yojana scheme is linked to Aadhaar and Mobile number of the beneficiary and as such advised the Departments to capture the details of mobile numbers of the beneficiaries at the time of Aadhaar seeding of the bank accounts.

6. Director, DPSE then apprised the Chief Secretary that a workshop had been organized to sensitize all the HODs on the various provisions of the Aadhaar Act and other aspects of implementation of DBT like consent of the resident, etc. Further, Director informed that UIDAI officials will impart half day training in DPSE on Aadhaar/DBT to the Officers in charge/dealing hands of the various Departments dealing with the implementation of schemes. Thereafter, Chief Secretary took Department wise review regarding the status of DBT.

7. **Directorate of Social Welfare:** Asst. Director (DSW) stated that all payments under the schemes are made through ECS. Under the Dayanand Social Security Scheme (State scheme) out of approx 1,04,000 beneficiaries, Aadhaar of around 80,000 have been fed in the database. In case of Minority Scholarship scheme (Centrally sponsored), Aadhaar numbers of all beneficiaries (100%) have been entered in the database and are on Aadhaar platform.

Action: To issue a Circular to the remaining beneficiaries asking for details of Aadhaar & Mobile numbers so that after completion of Aadhaar seeding, the Department can shift from ECS bridge to Aadhaar bridge. Chief Secretary directed the Department to shift to Aadhaar bridge by 30th November 2016 by availing services of GEL or NIC.

8. Director, DPSE pointed out that the beneficiaries need to be sensitized about Aadhaar payment bridge i.e., the payment of subsidy will be credited in the account which is seeded with Aadhaar.

8. **Directorate of Women & Child Development:** Project Officer (DW&CD) stated that under Griha Adhar scheme, 99% of the beneficiaries have got their Aadhaar number in the database. Since this is a flagship scheme of the State Government, the Department can easily migrate from the ECS bridge to Aadhaar bridge. In case of the remaining schemes, Department may issue a letter to the beneficiaries to submit the details of Aadhaar, Mobile numbers in a prescribed form and complete the exercise by 30th November 2016.

Action: Chief Secretary directed the Department to list out the specific schemes implemented by them for which a press note needs to be released by DPSE to sensitize the public on the use of Aadhaar Payment bridge.



10. **Directorate of Education:** Dy. Director (DoE) informed that two Central scholarship schemes are being implemented by the Department wherein, 99% of the beneficiaries have their Aadhaar number in the database. The Department assured that by 30th November 2016, the schemes would put on DBT platform. Chief Secretary made it clear that all central schemes across the globe would be made APP compliant by 31st December 2016, beyond which all beneficiaries not covered will be phased out. Therefore, all the Departments have to take a proactive and responsible approach to sensitize the public regarding the issue so that no beneficiary is deprived of their rightful benefit due to lapse on the part of the Departments.

11. **Directorate of Health Services:** CMO (DHS) informed that the Directorate operates only one scheme namely JSY which gives onetime payment to the beneficiaries through ECS mode. A circular has also been issued to all peripheral health centers regarding seeding of Aadhaar with bank accounts of all JSY beneficiaries so that payments are effected only through DBT platform and this exercise will be completed by 30th November 2016. Directorate has also taken the initiative to effect payment of salaries through Aadhaar bridge. However, due to lack of support from their banker this could not be implemented. The representative of Lead Bank assured to sort out the issue and extend all necessary support in the DBT mission. The Directorate requested to impart hands on training to the staff involved in implementation of DBT. Chief Secretary assured that trainings would be organized in batches through NIC.

12. **District Rural Development Agency:** Project Director (DRDA) informed that IAY is already on the DBT platform and the benefit is transferred to the beneficiaries' bank account through PFMS & FTO. In case of MGNREGA, the process of seeding of Aadhaar in the database is in progress. Chief Secretary directed that all beneficiaries already on Aadhaar to be moved on DBT platform. The Department requested to provide IT support and the Chief Secretary directed NIC to designate 2 officers to organize trainings for the officials of the concerned Departments.

13. **Directorate of Technical Education:** Director (DoTE) informed that all payments in respect of scholarship, stipend, etc are made through cheques. The first installment towards scholarship has already been disbursed through cheques. For disbursing, the second installment the students have been asked to furnish their Aadhaar numbers in order to move on DBT platform. Chief Secretary advised, Director (TE) to seek guidance from the Ministry for on boarding the DBT platform.

14. **Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs:** Director (DoCS&CA) informed that about 96% of ration cards have been seeded with Aadhaar. The Department has installed point of sale devices at 42 fair price shops on pilot project basis at Pernem, Sattari & Bicholim. However, due to various technical problems such as network connectivity & software problems faced by the fair price shop owners has resulted in delay of completion of the project. The Department will take a call on installing devices at all the fair price shops based on the success of the pilot project by the end of December 2016.

15. **Directorate of Higher Education:** Director (DHE) stated that in the first year of admission Aadhaar numbers are collected from students and seeding happens only when students apply for scholarships. The disbursal of scholarship will be through DBT platform from the second semester once the students apply for scholarships. As far as RUSA scheme (Centrally sponsored) is concerned, the payments are done by way of cheques through PFMS.

16. **Directorate of Transport:** Director (DoT) informed that the Department implements state subsidy schemes. Chief Secretary advised the Director to make Aadhaar mandatory for state subsidy schemes and not to release the subsidy till Aadhaar details are furnished by the beneficiaries. Chief Secretary further directed all Departments engaged in any sort of public service delivery mechanism, be it subsidy or any other benefit make JAM the order of the day for all beneficiaries. Director, DPSE added that UIDAI has extended the bulk authentication of Aadhaar through NSDL, Mumbai wherein large scale services such as licenses can be authenticated in a day at a very nominal rate of 5 paisa per transaction.

17. **Directorate of Agriculture:** Director, DPSE informed that all beneficiary schemes implemented by the Department through ECS can be smoothly transited on to the Aadhaar bridge. Director, DPSE advised the Department to collect details of Aadhaar number, Mobile number of the beneficiaries in a simple excel format and pass on the same to Director of Accounts for effecting payment through Aadhaar bridge. Director, Accounts was advised to coordinate with Lead Bank in this regard.

18. **Directorate of Tribal Welfare:** Director (DTW) informed that all Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries are fed in the database and the payments are done through ECS and further sought clarification on how to board the Aadhaar Payment bridge. Director, DPSE advised to send the data to the Bankers for seeding the Aadhaar to the bank account of the beneficiary.

19. Concluding remarks/General instructions:

- At the end of discussions, Chief Secretary directed all the Departments to list out all the schemes and submit the same to Director, DPSE in order to issue a press release for creating awareness on seeding of Aadhaar in the database.
- A Team from NIC will train the Officers and dealing hands of all Departments involved in the implementation of DBT.
- All CSS schemes implemented by the Departments with at least 50% Aadhaar seeding should invariably be brought on Aadhaar Payment platform on or before 30th November 2016 and State sector schemes to be brought on Aadhaar platform by 30th December 2016.
- Trainings to be imparted to the Accounts personnel posted in the various Departments on DBTL.
- Chief Secretary desired to have a review meeting of the Departments on the status of DBTL implementation on 1st December 2016.