

F.No.6/41/2012-FI  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Financial Services

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3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Jeevan Deep Building,  
New Delhi, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2012

To

Chairman/ CMDs of

Syndicate Bank, Indian Bank, Andhra Bank, State Bank of Hyderabad, Punjab National Bank, Bank of India, State Bank of Mysore, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, State Bank of Patiala, SBBJ, and United Bank of India

**Subject: Onboarding of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) onto Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS) – regarding**

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 16.11.2012 informing that Government of India has decided to introduce Direct Cash Transfers into the Bank account of the beneficiaries under various programmes. In the first instance , Government of India has directed to undertake implementation of the Direct Cash Transfer to beneficiaries of identified 34 schemes of various departments in 51 districts (follow up and consequential action to be kept on hold till completion of election process in the 4 districts each of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013. This is scheduled to be rolled out in 18 States from April 2013 and in the rest of the country subsequently.

2. Your attention in this regard is also invited to this Department's letter no. 8/3/2011-FI dated 15.12.2011 whereby Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS) -

Procedural Guidelines were sent to all PSBs and letter of even number dated 23.11.2012 whereby it was requested that all PSBs and their sponsored RRBs should sign up with National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) for APBS and ensure technological readiness for Aadhaar Payment Bridge by 15.12.2012 positively

3. It is, however, noted that though 18 PSBs are presently live on the APBS application and the others are in the process of being onboarded, lot of work still remains to be done for Onboarding of the RRBs.

4. The sponsor PSBs of the concerned RRBs in the 43 districts are accordingly requested to ensure the onboarding onto APBS of all RRBs in these 43 districts on priority and ensure its completion by 31.12.2012 positively .

5. The action taken in the matter may be informed to this Department as soon as possible and in any case by 31.12.2012 by e-mail at [fi-dfs@nic.in](mailto:fi-dfs@nic.in).

Yours faithfully,

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CEO, NPCI- for information and necessary action please.