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(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

No. 1-4/BBF/e-payment/TM/2007-08

Dated : 17.04.2012

To .
All Heads of Circle

Sub: Ministry of Finance instructions and Implementation of E-Payment in BSNL- reg.

Ref. : Lrs. No. 1-4/BBF/e-payment/TM/2007-08 dated 14.06.2006, 26.12.2006, 25.04.2007, 22.11.2007, 10.12.2007, 06.05.2008, 14.07.2008, 31.07.2008 & 05.03.2010.

Ministry of Finance, Government of India has issued instructions for government to make payments directly to the Bank Account of Payees as a measure to enhance transparency and accountability in public dealings of the government, usher green banking and minimizing the interface of the payees with government offices to receive their dues. Controller General of Accounts (CGA) has also issued orders stating that **with effect from 1st April 2012**, all payments above Rs. 25,000 to suppliers, contractors, grantee and loanee institutions shall be directly credited to their bank accounts. While the government servants shall continue to have the option to receive their salaries by cash or Cheques, they could also opt to receive their salaries by direct credit to their bank accounts. However, all other payments to government servants of the amount of above Rs. 25000 shall be credited directly to their bank accounts. Further, all payments towards the settlement of retirement/terminal benefits of the Government employees shall also be directly credited to their bank accounts. The press release in this regard is enclosed. **As a prudent measure, it has been decided to adopt the above- mentioned instructions in BSNL and it is requested to ensure compliance thereof.**

With reference to the above, it may be re-iterated that this office has issued various instructions to the circles for discontinuing the practice of issuing cheques to third party and implementation of E-Payment (RTGS/NEFT) in BSNL for payments of vendors for all bills, payment to content providers, roaming and SMS partners etc. through RTGS as far as possible where the amount involved is Rupees One lakh or more. Payment of less than Rupees One lakh to third party may be made through NEFT as far as possible. This scheme is to be implemented at all locations in the circle wherever feasible. In this reference, it was also instructed that **a monthly performance report of the scheme may be sent to this office** in the prescribed format detailing the no. of transactions with amount paid through e-payment on monthly basis latest by 12th of the following month. The prescribed format of the report is again enclosed for timely and regular compliance.

Recently, certain cases have come to light where fraudulent attempts involving Cheques were thwarted. The modus operandi employed generally involves scanning, duplication and presentation of Cheques for fraudulent payment. This makes it imperative that payment to third party be made through e-payment only. Also, it may be ensured that account view facility is obtained from the concerned bank. Further, SMS alert facility may also be obtained from bank which shall instantly flash a message to the concerned AO(Cash) whenever any Cheque(s) is/are presented for payment. In this regard, **a certificate may be furnished to the undersigned stating the activation of "Account view facility" and "SMS alert facility".**


(C.S. Gupta)
DGM (BF-III)

Encl. : As above

**Press Information Bureau
Government of India
Ministry of Finance**

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Government to Make Payments Directly to the Bank Account of Payees; Measure to Enhance Transparency and Accountability in Public Dealings of the Central Government and also Usher Green Banking

As part of the Government's commitment to good governance and elimination of corruption, the Ministry of Finance has amended the rules to enable all the Ministries and Departments to facilitate payments by direct credit to the bank accounts of the payees. Orders have also been issued by the Controller General of Accounts(CGA) that, with effect from **1st April 2012**, all payments above Rs.25,000 to suppliers, contractors, grantee and loanee institutions shall be directly credited to their bank accounts. While the government servants shall continue to have the option to receive their salaries by cash or cheques, they could also opt to receive their salaries by direct credit to their bank accounts. However, all other payments to government servants of the amount of above Rs.25,000 shall be credited directly to their bank accounts. Further, all payments towards the settlement of retirement/terminal benefits of the government servants shall also be directly credited to their bank accounts.

The Union Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee had recently inaugurated a **"Government e-payment gateway"** set-up by the Controller General of Accounts(CGA) which will be used by the Pay & Accounts Officers(PAOs) of the Central Civil Ministries/Departments for implementing the above measures. The Controller General of Defence Accounts(CGDA) would also be progressively using this e-payment gateway. The measure is expected to streamline the process of making payment by government departments while minimizing the interface of the payees with government offices to receive their dues. This e-payment government measure will enhance transparency and accountability in public dealings of the Central Government and also usher green banking by the Government.

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No.1-4/BBF/e-payment/2008-09

Dated: 31-07-2008

To,

All Head of Circles

Subject: - Implementation of E-payment in BSNL - Progress Report.

Please refer to this office letter of even no dated 11-07-2008, wherein introduction of e-payment through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) or NEFT at all the locations in your circle has been conveyed.

A monthly performance report of the scheme may be sent to this office in the proforma placed below

PROFORMA FOR MONTHLY REPORT Reg. e-payment

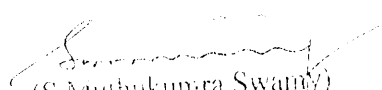
Performance Report for the month of _____
Name of the Circle _____

PART-A				
Name of SSA	Total No. of transactions for payment	No. of transactions through e-payment i.e. RTGS / NEFT	No. of cases where payment made through cheque	Reason(s) for issue of cheque

PART-B

1. Name of the SSA where e-payment not started as yet
2. Reason for not starting the e-payment.

Report in the proforma may be sent by the 7th of every month for the previous month.


(S. Muthukumara Swamy)
Jt. DDG (BF)