

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF ACCOUNTS AND TREASURIES

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No.DAT/B&A/TE/RBI E-Kuber/2023-24/299

Puducherry the 12th March, 2024

MEMORANDUM

Sub : DAT – B&A – Instructions for submission of bills for e-payments through RBI e-Kuber ECS mode on 31st March 2024 – Reg.

Ref : Lr.No.DGBA.GBD.No.S1158/42-04-022/2023-2024 dated 26.02.2024 of the Deputy General Manager, Department of Government and Banking Accounts, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai – 400 008.

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Attention of all the Heads of Departments is drawn on the subject mentioned above.

2. The Reserve Bank of India, in its letter referred above, has communicated its decision to mark March 31, 2024 (Sunday) as working day in e-Kuber system so as to make Government transactions through integration with e-Kuber are processed on March 31, 2024 itself, based on the request of the Office of the Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

3. As the day March 31, 2024 is the closing day for the FY 2023-24, the RBI has made special arrangement for accepting e-payment files through its e-Kuber platform till 2400 hours on March 31, 2024 for accounting them in the same Financial Year 2023-24 itself for arriving at the cash balance of Government as on March 31, 2024. The e-payment files which are sent/accepted after 2400 hours on March 31, 2024 will be processed and accounted in the RBI's books on April 1, 2024 or beyond which falls in FY 2024-25 thus causing budgetary and accounting mismatch problems. Hence, the RBI has recommended to send all e-payment files to e-Kuber well in advance by 2200 hours itself on March 31, 2024 or even before to make buffer time to avoid last minute rush and pile-up of large number of files in e-Kuber system.

4. Since, all expenditure of the Government of Puducherry meant for the Financial Year 2023-24 have to be incurred on or before 31st March 2024 and accounted for in the same FY 2023-24, the arrangements facilitated by the RBI for March 31, 2024 for e-payments through e-Kuber system have to be strictly followed in letter and spirit.

5. In this connection, it is informed that after receiving the bills from Departments, the auditors of this Directorate have to pre-audit the bills and check correctness of the bills with necessary expenditure sanctions and budget provisions provided in the respective head of accounts. Since last minute rush of bills is expected this year also, this Directorate may face hardship in adhering to the RBI guidelines.

6. To comply with the special arrangements communicated by the RBI for e-payments on March 31, 2024, the following timeline/cut-off time are framed for presenting bills for payment pertains to FY 2023-24 :

- a. BEAMS Authorisation cut-off time by 1800 hours on March 31, 2024.
- b. Bill counters for receipt of bills will be closed by 1830 hours on March 31, 2024.

7. Hence, the Heads of Departments may instruct their respective DDOs and sub offices to strictly follow the above timelines and make suitable arrangements to get the expenditure sanctions at the earliest and submit the bills as stipulated above in order to book the expenditure for the CFY 2023-24. Any lapse on the part of the Department for not adhering to the above schedule of time will lead to booking of expenditure in the next Financial Year and the same will be viewed seriously.

8. As this Directorate has to follow the RBI guidelines strictly, this Directorate may not be in a position to receive the bills after the stipulated time of 1830 hours on March 31, 2024. Accordingly, all files requiring finance concurrence should be submitted to Finance Department not later than 1500 hours on March 31, 2024.

9. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner -cum- Secretary to Government (Finance), Puducherry.


(S. PRABAVADY)
DIRECTOR

To

All Heads of Departments.

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1. The Budget Officer, Finance Department, Puducherry.
2. The DDAT, Puducherry/Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam.

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1. The Secretaries / Special Secretaries /Deputy Secretaries / Under Secretaries to Govt., Puducherry.
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4. The Regional Administrators, Mahe/Yanam.
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6. The Private Secretary to Speaker / All Ministers / P.A. to Dy. Speaker, Puducherry.
7. The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Puducherry.
8. The Private Secretary to Commissioner-cum- Secretary (Finance), Puducherry.