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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF ACCOUNTS & TREASURIES

No.DAT/B&A/CSS/2025-2026/29 Puducherry, dated: 13/06/2025.

CIRCULAR

Sub: DAT, Puducherry – SNA SPARSH – New Procedure for release of CSS funds through e-Kuber platform of RBI – Reg.

Ref:
1. F.No.1 (27)/PFMS/2020 dated 13/07/2023 of the Director, PFMS Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India. (copy enclosed)
2. F.No. 1 (27)/PFMS/2020 dated 10/06/2025 of the Director, PFMS Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India. (copy enclosed)

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Kind attention of the Heads of Departments is invited to the references cited above. Instructions have been issued by Govt. of India to implement the SNA SPARSH model for release of funds under 37 Centrally Sponsored Schemes additionally from 01.07.2025. SNA SPARSH – Real time System of Integrated Quick Transfers which is an alternative fund flow mechanism designed to achieve the principle of "Just-in-Time" flow of Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) funds through an integrated network of PFMS, State IFMIS and e-Kuber platform of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Under SNA SPARSH Model, Departments/Implementing agencies shall open scheme wise Drawing Accounts in RBI and the funds will be released to beneficiaries directly from RBI based on payment files received from SNA through State IT systems with just-in-time prior credit of Central share to States. RBI would be the sole banking channel for all releases in States under CSS. The PFMS, State IFMIS, RBI together would be implementing this system.

As per this new procedure, all the CSS implementing departments of 37 CSS schemes as enumerated in the OM cited under 2nd reference are required to open Drawing Accounts with the RBI for the concerned Schemes pertaining to their Department in which the Centre's share will be credited by RBI. The application form for opening of Drawing Account in RBI is enclosed. The required details of the Scheme is to be filled up in the form. The duly filled in application form shall be submitted to this Directorate on or before **20.06.2025** so as to forward the same to RBI for opening of State linked Scheme Drawing Account.

The Head of the Departments are requested to strictly adhere to the time line.

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(S. UDAYASANKAR)
DIRECTOR

Encl: As above.

To
The Head of the Departments concerned.

Copy to:

1. The Deputy Secretary/Under Secretary (Finance), Finance Department, Puducherry.
2. The Budget Officer, Finance Department, Puducherry.
3. The Director, Planning & Research Department, Puducherry.
4. The Under-Secretary (Home), Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.
5. The Programmer, EDP, DAT – to upload the circular in the DAT website.

Copy submitted to:

1. The Development Commissioner-cum- Secretary to Govt.(Finance), Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.
2. The Commissioner – cum - Secretary (Planning)/Nodal Secretary for CSS, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.
3. The Secretaries to Government concerned.

F. No. 1(27)/PFMS/2020
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
PFMS Division

North Block
New Delhi, 13th July, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: "Just-in-Time" release of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) funds through e-kuber platform of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The General Financial Rule 232(v) prescribes the release of funds to the State Governments and monitoring utilization of funds through PFMS. For better monitoring the availability and utilization of funds released to the States under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and to reduce float, the Department of Expenditure vide OM No. 1(13)PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23rd March, 2021 has issued guidelines for revised procedure for flow of funds under CSS. The revised procedure, known as the "SNA model", came into effect from 1st July, 2021.

2. Further, in view of rule 230 (7) of GFR 2017 which prescribes that "The principles of 'just in time release' should be applied for releases in respect of all payments to the extent possible" and to bring about more efficiency in cash management at both Centre and States level, it has been decided to introduce an alternative fund flow mechanism named SNA – SPARSH (समयोचित प्रणाली एकीकृत शीघ्र हस्तांतरण – Real time System of Integrated Quick Transfers) for CSS funds through an integrated framework of PFMS, State IFMIS and e-kuber platform of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in a progressive manner. The names of schemes and States to be covered by the alternative fund flow mechanism will be notified from time to time.

3. Following procedure will be followed by the State Governments concerned and the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India for the schemes notified for implementation in SNA –SPARSH model -

i. Ministry/Department concerned of the Government of India shall open a drawing account with RBI under the existing User Defined Customer Hierarchy (UDCH) code of the Ministry/Department concerned.

ii. The State Government will designate a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for implementing each State Linked Scheme (SLS) corresponding to a CSS. Existing SNAs under the "SNA model" may also be designated as SNAs under SNA- SPARSH model.

iii. The State Government shall open SLS wise drawing accounts of SNA in RBI. Before opening of drawing account of an SLS, State Government and Ministry/Department concerned of GoI shall ensure that the Centre-State fund sharing ratio is uniform under all components of that SLS. In case of Umbrella schemes having multiple sub schemes/components with varying sharing patterns, State Governments in consultation with Ministry/Department concerned should open separate SLS for sub schemes/components with different sharing ratio.

iv. After opening of aforesaid drawing accounts in RBI by the Ministries/Departments and the State Governments, the Ministries/Departments and the State Governments will approach the PFMS division, O/o CGA for on boarding the scheme onto SNA-SPARSH platform of PFMS by 'marking' of the CSS on PFMS. Simultaneously, the State Governments shall map the CSS with corresponding SLSs as per the existing protocol.

v. Upon on boarding of a scheme onto SNA- SPARSH platform, the State Government shall close all the SNA accounts pertaining to the scheme and return the Central share of unspent balance lying in the SNA accounts to the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI). Similarly the State share of unspent balance in the SNA accounts should be returned to the Consolidated Fund of the State. Further, the central share under the scheme lying in State treasury should also be returned to the CFI. Detailed procedure for calculation and return of the unspent amount will be issued separately.

vi. Once a CSS is on boarded onto SNA-SPARSH platform of PFMS, Ministry/Department concerned shall use only the SNA- SPARSH platform to release funds under the scheme as per the guidelines contained in this OM and further guidelines issued in the matter. The use of SNA platform to release funds as per DoE's guidelines dated 23rd March, 2021 shall be stopped immediately after on boarding of the CSS onto SNA- SPARSH platform.

vii. In the beginning of a financial year, the Ministries/Departments will create a 'mother sanction' in PFMS for a State for a CSS. The 'mother sanction' will define State wise drawing limit of the Ministry/Department for that CSS. The mother sanction may be modified by the Ministry during the year with the concurrence of the IFD.

viii. The SNA and the Implementing Agencies (IAs) down the ladder shall be registered in State Integrated Financial Management Information System (State IFMIS).

ix. Whenever the SNA/IAs needs to make payment to vendors/beneficiaries, the SNA/IA will generate payment files in State IFMIS. The payment files generated by SNA/IAs will be consolidated by State treasury in State IFMIS periodically after thorough scrutiny.

x. In the case of States where the IT system is not ready to onboard a large number of agencies with proper protocol, the agencies may submit manual claims to State treasury which in turn shall process these claims in the State IFMIS.

xi. State Government will develop a State Cyber Treasury wherein all payment files with SLS tags from the SNA/IAs could be received for payment and the vouchers could be compiled for accounting purpose. The State Cyber Treasury shall make the provision

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of 'flags' to identify the SNA/IA which has raised the claim and the SLS to which the claim pertains to.

xii. State Government/treasury will share the consolidated payment file with PFMS for advance release of Central share.

xiii. After receiving the consolidated payment file on PFMS, the Ministry/Department concerned will generate a sanction equivalent to the central share specified for the SLS on PFMS and transfer the central share of funds from centre's drawing account to the State's drawing account. Thus, State's drawing account shall be pre-funded with central share. After release of central share of funds, the mother sanction for the centre's drawing account for the scheme for the State will be reduced by an equivalent amount.

xiv. Payment files received from State Treasury in PFMS till the cut-off time of 3 PM during a working day will be processed and sanction for the central share will be generated on the same working day. Sanction for the central share for payment files received beyond the cut-off time of 3 PM may be generated on the next working day.

xv. Upon receipt of Central share, the consolidated payment file in State IFMIS will be auto pushed from State IFMIS to RBI. RBI shall debit the State's drawing amount by the total amount of the payment file and release payments to vendors/beneficiaries as per the instructions contained in the payment file. RBI will share the Debit notification of this payment with both PFMS and State IFMIS.

xvi. In some schemes, the State Governments are releasing 'top up' amount in addition to the Central share and State share. State IFMIS and PFMS shall maintain a master database of proportion of Central, State share and the top up amount in such schemes. Payment files of such schemes will mandatorily include the 'top up' amount separately in line with the proportions in the master database and the Central share will not be calculated on the 'top up amount'. In case of schemes having 'top up' by State Government, Ministries/Departments shall not generate the sanction for central share against the payment files which are not reflecting the top up amount separately.

xvii. There shall be periodic reconciliation and settlement of funds including failed transactions between Centre and State. The consolidated payment file pushed by State IFMIS to PFMS will mandatorily have the flagging for reinitiated transactions against previously failed transactions (if applicable) to avoid duplicate payments.

xviii. Funds will remain in respective consolidated funds and will be released to the beneficiaries/vendors just in time. The funds will not be diverted to any Personal Deposit (PD) account or any other account by the State Government.

xix. UTs without legislature work directly in PFMS and there is no need for them to open account in RBI. Ministries concerned can allow UTs with legislature to operate the concerned budget head through Letter of Authorization. UTs without legislature will ensure that the funds are released to the vendors/beneficiaries `just in time' and are not parked in a bank account. In case funds are to be released to any agency as per scheme guidelines, provision of Rule 230 (vii) of GFR 2017 will be strictly followed to avoid parking of funds, with agencies.

4. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary & Secretary (Expenditure).

Prateek K Singh 13/7/23

(Prateek Kumar Singh)

Director (PFC-I)

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To,

1. All Secretaries to the Government of India
2. All Financial Advisors to the Government of India
3. All Pr. CCAs/CCAs of all Ministries/Departments

Copy to:

1. PSO to Finance Secretary & Secretary (Expenditure)
2. PSO to Special Secretary (Pers)
3. PSO to AS(PF-S)
4. PPS to CGA
5. Sr. PPS to AS (PFC-II)
6. Sr. PPS to JS (PFC-I)

F. No. 1(27)/PFMS/2020
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
PFMS Division

North Block
New Delhi,10th June, 2025

Subject: "Just-in-Time" release of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) funds through e-kuber platform of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) – notification of States and Schemes to be covered under the SNA SPARSH model – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to DoE's guidelines dated 13.07.2023 regarding Just in Time flow of funds using SNA SPARSH model. The States and Schemes to be onboarded on SPARSH platform have been notified by this Department from time to time. As per latest instructions, 29 CSSs have been notified to be implemented through SNA SPARSH in all States and UTs with legislature.

2. In this regard, competent authority has decided that w.e.f. 01.07.2025, 37 additional CSSs as per Annexure will be implemented through SNA SPARSH in all States and UTs with legislature. Further, from 01.11.2025 onwards, <u>all CSSs</u> shall be implemented through SNA SPARSH in all States and UTs with legislature.

3. Concerned Ministries/Departments of Government of India and State Governments/UTs with legislature are requested to take necessary steps to adhere to aforesaid timelines for onboarding of schemes on SNA SPARSH platform.

4. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

Encl: Annexure I

Prateek Kumar Singh
10/6/25

(Prateek Kumar Singh)
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To

1. Secretaries to Ministries/Departments in Government of India
2. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries (Finance) of all States/UTs with legislature
3. Financial Advisers to Ministries/Departments in Government of India
4. Pr. CCAs to Ministries/Departments in Government of India

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Annexure I

List of 37 Centrally Sponsored Schemes to be implemented under SNA SPARSH model w.e.f 01.07.2025		
S.No.	**Ministry/ Department**	**Name of the Scheme**
1	Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	National Mission on Natural Farming
2	Ministry of Ayush	National AYUSH Misson
3	Department of Food and Public Distribution	Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in Public Distribution System (SMART-PDS)
4	Ministry of Cooperation	Computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies
5		Centrally Sponsored Project for Strengthening of Cooperatives through IT Interventions
6	Department of School Education & Literacy	New India Literacy Programme (NILP)
7	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	National Mission for à Green India
8		Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats
9	Department of Health and Family Welfare	Strengthening of State Drug Regulatory System
10		Tertiary Care Programme
11		Strengthening National Programme Management of the NRHM
12	Ministry of Home Affaris	National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project
13		Border Area Development Program
14		Scheme for Safety of Women (Safe City projects)
15		Vibrant Villages Programme
16	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY)-Urban - 2.0
17		Scheme for Industrial housing
18		Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM)
19		City Investment to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0)
20		National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM)
21		PM-eBus Sewa Scheme
22		Urban challenge Fund

23	Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	National River Conservation Plan -Other Basins
24		Flood management and Border area Program
25		Irrigation census
26	Ministry of Law and Justice	Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs)
27	Ministry of Minority Affairs	Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram
28	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)
29	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Strengthening of Infrastructure for Institutional Training
30		New ITI Upgradation scheme
31	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment	Pradhan Mantri AnusuchitJaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM AJAY)
32		Strengthening of Machinery for Enforcement of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 and Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989
33		PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM YASASVI) for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs
34		Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
35		National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)
36	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Programme for Development of Scheduled Tribes (PM Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojna)
37	Ministry of Women and Child Development	Mission VATSALYA (Child Protection Services and Child Welfare Services)

Application Form

To

The General Manager
Chennai Regional Office
Reserve Bank of India

Sub:- **Opening of drawing account under alternative fund flow mechanism named SNA -SPARSH for Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) funds**

Ref:- Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM F. No. 1 (27)/PFMS/2020 dated July 13,2023 on subject ""Just-in-Time" release of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) funds through e-kuber platform of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)."

Madam/Sir,

As per the direction of Ministry of Finance, Government of India, alternative fund flow mechanism named SNA – SPARSH (समयोचित प्रणाली एकीकृत शीघ्र हस्तांतरण – Real time System of Integrated Quick Transfers) for CSS funds has to be implemented by *(Name of the SNA)* which is a designated State Nodal Agency. You are, therefore, requested to open a drawing account in Chennai Regional Office, RBI for the State Government of Puducherry under UDCH code 127. This account has to be opened for implementing *(Name of the State Linked Scheme).*

2. The details of the State Government drawing account to be opened are as under: -

Name of the State Government drawing account	Name of head/incharge	Address of the account holder	Email id of account holder	Contact Number
PYXX-Scheme Name-Govt. of India Code e.g. PY12–PY NRLM (9181) (Maximum Character is 30 including space) (If the name exceeds 30 characters, abbreviation or short form of scheme name shall be used)				
E-mail ID(s) on which account statements etc. are to be sent :				

3. The purpose for opening of this account in RBI is to implement the above mentioned scheme under the SNA SPARSH mechanism as prescribed by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Govt. of India.

4. The account will be operated using Digital Signatures through State IFMS. The Government would procure a valid CLASS 3 digital certificate from Certificate Issuing Authority (CA) like IDRBT, NIC, e-Mudra etc. Also, the Govt would ensure that whenever the existing public key certificate is due for renewal, the new public key will be provided to RBI at least one week in advance so that there is sufficient time for doing necessary configuration at RBI's end. However, in case any cheque based or mandate-based transactions are done by the Government on a regular basis from the account, then the specimen signature of the authorized signatories approved by the Competent Authority will be submitted for undertaking such transactions. The proof of identity, email id, mobile no. and KYC who will operate the account in the RBI, duly attested by authorized official of State Finance Department are enclosed herewith.

5. We agree that copy of Debit Notifications and Return Notifications of this account will be shared with O/o Controller General of Account system by RBI.

6 Approval from State Accountant General for opening this account is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

(sign with stamp)
Controller of Accounts/Directorate
of Accounts /Accounts Officer of PAO

(sign with stamp)
Authorized official of Finance Department