

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF ACCOUNTS & TREASURIES**

No.DAT/B&A/CSS/2025-2026/10

Puducherry, dated: 09/05/2025.

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.
 2. D.O.No.MF.CGA/I-126/7/2024-ITD-CGA dated 17/12/2024 of the Additional Controller General of Accounts, Dept. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.
 3. F.No.1(27)/PFMS/2020 dated 17/12/2024 of the Director, PFMS Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.
 4. This Directorate's circular of even no. dated 22/01/2025.

Kind attention of the Heads of Departments is invited to the references cited above. Therein, instructions have been issued by Govt. of India to implement the SNA SPARSH model for release of funds under 28 Centrally Sponsored Schemes in UT of Puducherry. 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). Based on this Directorate's circular cited under 4th reference, the concerned Departments have opened 57 nos. of drawing accounts under SNA SPARSH at RBI, Chennai. The details of said drawing accounts were intimated to the concerned Departments vide this Directorate's mail dated 27/02/2025.

The Tripartite testing between State IFMIS (DAT), PFMS and RBI was conducted from 08/04/2025 to 18/04/2025. The testing was successfully completed and the RBI vide mail dated 25/04/2025 has informed that the SNA SPARSH functionality is made live for Govt. of Puducherry from April 25, 2025 and 57 State Drawing accounts opened under SNA SPARSH at RBI, Chennai Regional Office are now active. The link for SNA SPARSH is available in the DAT website <https://dat.py.gov.in/> under the 'Our Project Tab'.

Hence, it is hereby informed that as the SNA SPARSH functionality made live in UT of Puducherry, the concerned Departments may take necessary action with regard to the operation of CSS schemes opened under SNA SPARSH.

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4. The Director, Dept. of Rural Development, Puducherry
5. The Conservator, Department of Forestry & Wild Life, Puducherry
6. The Director, Directorate of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry
7. The Director, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Puducherry
8. The Director, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Puducherry
9. The Director, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Puducherry
10. The Under-Secretary to Govt. (Law), Law Department, Puducherry
11. The Director, Local Administration Department, Puducherry
12. The Superintendent of Police (Headquarters), Puducherry
13. The Director, Directorate of School Education, Puducherry
14. The Director, Town & Country Planning Department, Puducherry
15. The Director, Women & Child Development, Puducherry

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3. The Director, Planning & Research Department, Puducherry.
4. The Under-Secretary (Home), Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.
5. The Programmer, EDP, DAT – to upload the circular and references in the DAT website.
6. The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.

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2. The Commissioner – cum - Secretary (Transport)/Nodal Secretary for CSS, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.
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16. The Secretary (Women and Child), Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.

F. No. 1(27)/PFMS/2020
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North Block
New Delhi, 13th July, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

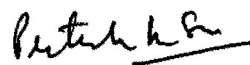
Subject: "Just-in-Time" release of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) funds through e-kuber platform of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

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



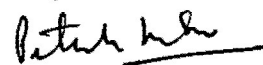
schemes/components with varying sharing patterns, State Governments in consultation with Ministry/Department concerned should open separate SLS for sub schemes/components with different sharing ratio.

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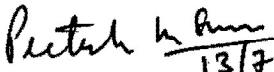
of 'flags' to identify the SNA/IA which has raised the claim and the SLS to which the claim pertains to.

- 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).


13/7/23

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Dated: - 17 December, 2024

Dear Sh. More

Please refer to OM No 1(27)/PFMS/2020 dated 13.07.2024 and 4.10.2024 issued by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance regarding rollout of SNA-SPARSH (copy enclosed).

2. SNA-SPARSH was notified by the Department of Expenditure vide OM dated 13.07.2023 to bring in more efficiency in cash management and to achieve the goal of "Just-in-time" fund flow from both the Centre and State Consolidated Funds through an integrated network of State IFMIS, e-kuber of RBI and PFMS. The module has been extended to 27 Centrally Sponsored Schemes and 22 States notified vide O.M dated 04.10.2024.

3. To ensure pan-India rollout, the module is now being extended to the UTs with Legislature. As part of the preparatory activities for the onboarding, following documents are being sent for developing the required understanding of the system and the technical developments involved. The documents are:

- The Concept paper outlining the broad process flow and role of various stakeholders;
- Technical specification document for integration between PFMS and State IFMS as well as between e-kuber (RBI) and State IT system of Treasury (IFMIS) containing the details regarding exchange of various notifications and files, the electronic formats and file structures of these exchanges and other technical details.

4. It is requested to circulate these documents to the concerned Departments/Wings and Technical service providers for examination and plan commensurate development in the existing State IT systems.

5. It is further requested that nodal officer(s) as point of contact on the development of the system in State IFMIS may be nominated for this purpose. The details of the officers(s) [Name, Designation, Contact Number, email IDs] may be shared with this office on email IDs - b.krishnak@gov.in, shalinder.sachdeva@mca.gov.in and meghna.sen@gov.in. For any clarification in this regard, Sh Shalinder Sachdeva, AAO (9810415930) and Ms Meghna Sen, AAO (9999375094) may be contacted.

With Regards

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F. No. 1(27)/PFMS/2020
Government of India
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To

Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries (Finance) of all States/UTs with Legislature

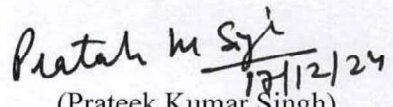
Subject: "Just-in-Time" release of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) funds through e-kuber platform of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) – notification of States and Schemes to be covered under the SNA SPARSH model.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 4th October, 2024 on the above-mentioned subject vide which list of 28 schemes to be implemented through SNA SPARSH model in 21 States was circulated.

2. Based on the requests received from various State Governments, it has been decided to notify 5 new States of Sikkim, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya to onboard SPARSH platform with immediate effect. Aforesaid 28 schemes will now be implemented in 26 States (21 existing +5 new) through SNA SPARSH.

3. Remaining 2 States of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland and 3 UTs with Legislature i.e. Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, and Puducherry are requested to approach PFMS division and RBI to commence testing of State IFMIS and complete all preliminary activities required for onboarding SPARSH platform as circulated vide DoE's OM dated 29.05.2024 (copy enclosed). These 2 States and 3 UTs with Legislature should onboard SPARSH platform no later than 01.04.2025.

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


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

North Block
New Delhi, 29th May, 2024

To

Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries (Finance) of States [As per Annexure-I]

Subject: "Just-in-Time" release of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) funds through e-kuber platform of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) – steps to be taken by States for smooth implementation of SNA SPARSH.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's guidelines on SNA SPARSH issued vide DoE's OMs of even number dated 13th July, 2023.

2. To ensure smooth implementation of SNA SPARSH model, the States should complete the following preliminary activities pertaining to State Integrated Financial Management and Information System (IFMIS) at the earliest -

- i. API Integration with e-Kuber platform of RBI.
- ii. Onboarding/Mapping of all Implementing Agencies (IAs).
- iii. Facility to generate component wise (SC, ST and General) bills/vouchers by IAs and to consolidate such component wise bills/vouchers into a single payment file.
- iv. Provision for various deductions and settlements including taxes and fringes.
- v. Mapping of Central Budget Heads with State Budget Heads.
- vi. Facility to allocate funds to IAs and to modify such allocation.
- vii. Stringent cybersecurity measures to protect sensitive data from cyber threats and attacks.

3. PFMS division, O/o CGA will ensure proper training and handholding of IAs through State PFMS units.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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