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## **NOTIFICATION**

Government has decided to constitute a coordination committee chaired by the Prime Minister called the National Committee on Direct Cash Transfers as a mechanism to coordinate action for the introduction of direct cash transfers to individuals under various government schemes and programmes.

- 2. The composition of the National Committee on Direct Cash Transfers is as follows:
  - 1. Prime Minister

Chairperson

- 2. Finance Minister
- 3. Minister of Communications & IT
- 4. Minister of Rural Development
- 5. Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment
- 6. Minister of Human Resource Development
- 7. Minister of Tribal Affairs
- 8. Minister of Minority Affairs
- 9. Minister of Health & Family Welfare
- 10. Minister of Labour & Employment
- 11. Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas
- 12. Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers
- 13. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
- 14. Minister of State (i/c) of Food & Public Distribution
- 15. Minister of State (i/c) of Women & Child Development
- 16. Chairman, UIDAI
- 17. Cabinet Secretary
- 18. Principal Secretary to PM

Convenor

3. The Prime Minister may invite any other Minister/Officer/Expert to any meeting of the Committee.

- The National Committee on Direct Cash Transfers would engage in the 4. following tasks:
  - Provide an overarching vision and direction to enable direct cash transfers of benefits under various government schemes and programmes to individuals, leveraging the investments being made in the Aadhaar Project, financial inclusion and other initiatives of the Government, with the objective of enhancing efficiency, transparency and accountability.
- Determine broad policy objectives and strategies for direct eash transfers.
- Identify Government programmes and schemes for which direct cash transfers to individuals can be adopted and suggest the extent and scope iii. of direct cash transfers in each case.
- Coordinate the activities of various Ministries/ Departments/ Agencies involved in enabling direct cash transfers and ensure timely, coordinated iv. action to ensure speedy rollout of direct cash transfers across the country.
- Specify timelines for the rollout of direct cash transfers.
- Review the progress of implementation of direct cash transfers and vi. provide guidance for mid-course corrections.
- Any other related matter. vii.
- The National Committee on Cash Transfers will be assisted by an Executive Committee on Direct Cash Transfers which will consist of:
  - 1. Principal Secretary to PM

Chairman

- 2. Cabinet Secretary
- 3. Finance Secretary (Secretary, D/o Expenditure)
- 4. Secretary, D/o Financial Services
- 5. Secretary, D/o Posts
- 6. Secretary, D/o Electronics & IT
- 7. Secretary, D/o Rural Development
- 8. Secretary, D/o School Education & Literacy
- 9. Secretary, D/o Higher Education
- 10. Secretary, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment
- 11. Secretary, M/o Tribal Affairs
- 12. Secretary, M/o Minority Affairs

- 13. Secretary, D/o Health & Family Welfare
- 14. Secretary, M/o Labour & Employment
- 15. Secretary, D/o Women & Child Development
- 16. Secretary, M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas
- 17. Secretary, D/o Fertilizers
- 18. Secretary, D/o Food & Public Distribution
- 19. Director General, UIDAI
- 20. Secretary, Planning Commission

- Member-Convenor
- 6. The Executive Committee on Direct Cash Transfers would engage in the following tasks:
  - i. Identify and propose for the consideration of the National Committee on Cash Transfers such Government programmes and schemes for which direct cash transfers to individuals can be adopted and suggest the extent and scope of direct cash transfers in each case.
- ii. Ensure the preparation of and approve strategies and action plans for the speedy rollout of direct cash transfers in areas agreed to and in line with the timelines laid down by the National Committee on Cash Transfers.
- iii. Coordinate the activities of various Ministries/ Departments / Agencies involved in enabling direct cash transfers to ensure that the architecture and framework for direct cash transfers is in place for rolling out direct cash transfers across the country.
- iv. Review and monitor the rollout of direct cash transfers and undertake mid-course corrections as and when necessary.
- v. Any other related matter entrusted by the National Committee on Cash Transfers or relating to direct cash transfers.
- 7. The Chairman may invite any other Officer/Expert to any meeting of the Executive Committee as may be necessary.
- 8. The National Committee and the Executive Committee would be serviced by the Planning Commission, which may obtain assistance as required from any Ministry/Department/Agency of the Government in this task.
- 9. The Planning Commission will designate an officer of the rank of Joint Secretary in the Planning Commission to coordinate and service the work of the National Committee and Executive Committee.

- 10. In order to finalise the operational and implementation details relating to the design and implementation of the direct cash transfer system, and for ensuring a smooth roll-out of direct cash transfers in an orderly and timely fashion, Mission Mode Committees will be constituted. These will be:
  - i. A **Technology Committee** to focus on the technology, payment architecture and IT issues.
  - ii. A Financial Inclusion Committee to focus on ensuring universal access to banking and ensuring complete financial inclusion.
- iii. Implementation Committees on Electronic Transfer of Benefits at the Ministry/ Department level to work out the details of cash transfers for each department such as data bases, direct cash transfer rules and control and audit mechanisms.

The notifications for these committees will be issued in due course.

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