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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Expansion of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for Central Sector Schemes.

As you may be aware that under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), cash / benefits are transferred directly into the bank account of beneficiaries, preferably Aadhaar seeded.

2. It may be mentioned that Planning Commission (now NITI Ayog) had forwarded a list of 33 Central Sector Schemes (**Annexure-I**) to be examined by the respective FAs of the concerned Ministries for their DBT compliance. 6 Schemes, from the above mentioned list, of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Tribal Affairs and Women & Child Development are already on DBT Platform.

3. The pre-requisites for on-boarding DBT platform include digitization of beneficiaries' data base, opening of their bank accounts, Aadhaar enrolment of beneficiaries and seeding of Aadhaar into beneficiaries' bank account as well as beneficiaries' database. To ensure financial inclusion all unbanked households are getting bank accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana. Similarly, efforts to achieve universal Aadhaar enrolment are also under way.

4. These schemes, which involve transfer of cash/ benefits directly to the individual beneficiaries, can be easily rolled out on DBT given universal financial inclusion and growing Aadhaar enrolment coverage. Embedding DBT architecture in these schemes will bring accurate targeting of intended beneficiaries, efficiency in delivery process, elimination of waste and leakages, thereby controlling expenditure and will overall bring greater accountability and transparency.

5. In view of the above, it is therefore requested to examine the schemes of your Ministry/Department as per Annexure-I for their feasibility in adopting DBT architecture. Accordingly, a comprehensive proposal for bringing the above schemes on DBT platform may kindly be submitted, at the earliest.

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