

Minutes of the first meeting of DBT State Advisory Board chaired by Chief Secretary held on 9/11/2016 at 11.30 a.m in the Secretariat Seminar hall, Porvorim.

The list of Officers who attended the meeting is enclosed.

At the outset, Director, DPSE briefed the participants on various issues related to payments in cash and kind transfers on the DBT platform. Goa is in an advantageous position as the State Government has long back introduced the system of ECS payment and it is easy for the State to move on the DBT platform. Initially only few central schemes were onboard, but in the last meeting Chief Secretary has stressed that all the schemes having huge money transfers, salary payments, etc have to be effected through the DBT platform.

2. Shri Shivraman, DIO, NIC then made a brief presentation on the overview of DBT which also included slides on implementation of central schemes in the State as well as on the status of Aadhaar coverage, Aadhaar Payment bridge, Aadhaar authentication, setting up of DBT Cell, PFMS, DBT Mission, etc.

3. After the presentation, Chief Secretary apprised the participants that Government of India has set the target to implement DBT for all the States by 30th December 2016 and in case of Goa, we could consider 30th November 2016 as the target to board the DBT platform. He pointed out that if major Departments namely Social Welfare, RDA, Education, Tribal Welfare, Health, Civil Supplies & Women & Child Development are on board with the DBT platform then 90% of the task is over for a small State like Goa. He invited the HODs to give feedback on their DBT readiness. Planning Dept and Secretary Planning would extend necessary support and assistance in this endeavor. As such, in value terms it is very easy to board the DBT platform.

4. Finance Secretary added that all cash transfers under subsidies, scholarships and other beneficiary schemes is done through ECS so also Revenue & Capital expenditure of the State is through ECS. So the first stage has already been achieved. More than that, Payment of Wages, Pensions, etc also need to be brought under the ambit of DBT. All that needs to be done is to shift to DBT platform so as to weed out ghost/bogus beneficiaries which is not happening at the moment. Another issue discussed with the bankers is linking of bank accounts with Aadhaar. In case of Goa, most of the residents have more than one bank account and this fact needs to be taken into account while linking with DBT. Finance Secretary also noted that in the next financial year for schemes such as disbursement of scholarships, release of second installment and the UCs may be linked with DBT and hence deadline needs to be met.

