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**ENDORSEMENT**

**Sub: Guidelines for Banks and Agencies for opening, closing and handling SNA/  
CNA/ZBSA accounts reg:**

Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Controller General of Accounts, Public Financial Management System, New Delhi has issued an OM No. (C. No. 13177) V- 13022/5/2023-PFMS/7481-7490 dated 11.10.2023 on the subject mentioned above.

As approved by the Competent Authority, this OM No. (C. No. 13177) V- 13022/5/2023-PFMS/7481-7490 dated 11.10.2023 has been posted on the ICAR Web-Site [www.icar.org.in](http://www.icar.org.in) for information, guidance and compliance.



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Guidelines for Banks and Agencies for opening, closing and handling SNA/CNA/ZBSA accounts.**

Department of Expenditure vide OM dated March 23, 2021 had issued Revised procedure of flow of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and vide OM dated March 09, 2022 issued Revised procedure of flow of funds under Central Sector Schemes. Apart from this, few instructions vide OMs/FAQ related to Banks accounts such as SNA account needs to be interest bearing, No cheque book etc. has been issued from time to time.

It has been decided by the Competent Authority to issue consolidated guidelines for banks and agencies for opening and operation SNA/CNA/ZBSA accounts.

Guidelines for Opening, closing and handling SNA/CNA/ZBSA accounts, as annexed may strictly be followed.

  
11/10/2023  
(Kaushal Kishore Meena)  
Asst. Controller of Accounts (Banking)

To

1. All SNA/CNA Banks
2. Jt. CGA (Roll out) for dissemination to all State Directorate for further circulation to all the agencies through State Finance Departments.

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Under the revised fund flow guidelines issued by Ministry of Finance for Centrally sponsored schemes(CSS) under State Nodal Account(SNA) system and for Central Schemes under Central Nodal Accounts(CNA) issued vide OM numbers ....and...respectively, the guidelines for banks and Agencies are as follows-

**Action by Agencies: -**

1. At the time of opening of Bank accounts, agency has to inform Bank about the account type to be opened (with Proper documentation) so that Banks will maintain a flagging of account type i.e. SNA/CNA/ZBSAs in their CBS. Bank will also tag the ZBSAs with the corresponding CNAs/SNAs in the System.
2. Agency should review the details of ZBSA provided by Banks which are linked with their SNA / CNA bank account. If any ambiguity is found the same may be reported to bank immediately for corrective measures. **(Annexure-1)**
3. Agency will share the limit allocation data with the associated bank for monitoring of the financial limit of the payment file at bank end. Any change in the limit allocated, shall immediately be shared with Bank for update at their end.
4. Any change in Bank account by the SNA/CNA will require prior approval of the Finance Secretary of the State concerned ( **Annexure-2**). At the time of account closure, all the limit allocated to child agency linked with the SNA / CNA shall be revoked. Agency has to ensure that an advance intimation may be sent to all the child agencies in hierarchy about the closing of Bank account with the directions that child agency should not generate any payment on the date of closure of bank account.
5. Upon closure of Bank account, the implementing agency shall transfer the unspent balance plus interest accrued thereon to the new account (through offline mode). The agency shall proceed for depositing the amount of interest accrued from the old account to CFI by transferring it to holding account and thereafter through NTRP. **(Annexure- 3)**
6. All SNA / CNA agencies are directed that upon closure / de-activation of accounts shall not be used for registration in any other scheme / module.
7. SNA / CNA schemes operated through external systems (Model-1) make ensure that the beneficiaries / Vendors are mandatorily be registered in PFMS before making any payment and sharing of MIS Data with PFMS. In case of unregistered beneficiary, MIS data will be rejected by PFMS.
8. Agencies who wishes to adopt external system of Banks for operating their SNA / CNA schemes should ensure that the Banks in which they

are opening SNA/CNAs are 'Scheduled Commercial Bank' and already live with the mandatory protocols of PFMS. ( **Annexure- 4** )

**Action by Banks: -**

1. SNA/CNA accounts will be saving accounts only. As soon as any SNA/CNA/ZBSAs are opened, Banks will notify the same to PFMS for updation of PFMS database through SFTP mode. (**Annexure-1**)
2. No cheque books will be issued for SNA/CNA accounts. Banks have to ensure that no fixed deposits shall be opened in SNA/CNA accounts.
3. Banks will have to provide the list of existing Zero Balance Subsidiary Accounts (ZBSA) opened with respect to SNA/CNA to the concerned agencies for information / reconciliation on monthly basis. Any change to this effect shall be informed to agency at the earliest.
4. At the time of accounts validation process, banks will provide the account type category as SNA/CNA/ZBSA in the bank account validation response file.
5. Upon receive of limit allocation data from agency, Banks will maintain limit allocation of ZBSA in their system based on the limits allocated by agencies. Any payment from ZBSAs will be subject to the availability of limits allocated.
6. Banks have to ensure timely and daily updation of bank balance of SNAs/CNAs/ZBSAs in PFMS irrespective of any transaction take place.
7. Reference is invited to OM issued by Banking vertical of PFMS wherein Banks have been clearly directed that on receipt of any Bank account closure request from the SNA / CNA, Banks have to calculate the interest accrued on unspent balance and share the interest with PFMS before initiating closure process in respect of SNA/CNA account. (**Annexure- 3**)
8. At the time of account closure, all the ZBSA linked with the SNA / CNA child agencies shall also be marked closed by the Bank. Bank has to ensure there should not be any pending / unsettled / in pipeline transactions at bank end before closure.
9. All Banks which are integrated with PFMS and are handling SNA / CNA schemes shall be mandatory have to implement of various protocols in their Banking system. A detailed OM has already been issued regarding this (**Annexure-4**).

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Opening and linking of Zero Balance account with SNA/CNA account Protocol -reg.**

1. To keep track of all SNA/CNA accounts opened by banks, including the Zero balance subsidiary accounts (ZBSAs) associated with CNA/SNA accounts, it has been decided to maintain the database in PFMS.
2. To achieve this, PFMS will provide the details of SNAs/CNAs Bank accounts registered in PFMS (Both active and inactive) to respective banks. In return, banks will provide the data of linked ZBSAs corresponding to the SNA/CNA Bank Accounts.
3. It may be noted that Bank wise CSV files will be generated and uploaded on the SFTP. Folder path will be shared with banks where the files will be kept. Banks have to provide the linked ZBA account as well as accounts holder's name against each of the SNA/CNA account number in the same SFTP folder.
4. The CSV files will be placed on SFTP by 12th June 2023 and the bank will have to revert with the linked ZBSA account with PFMS by 17th June, 2023 (Please refer to page 2 of the OM).

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

*Kaushal*  
 08/06/2023  
 (Kaushal Kishore Meena)  
 Assistant Controller of Accounts

To

All SNA/CNA banks

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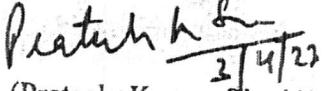
North Block,  
New Delhi, the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Sub: Facility to change the bank of SNAs and CNAs-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to say that requests for a facility to change the bank of SNAs and CNAs have been received in the Department of Expenditure.

2. Such requests for change of bank should be forwarded to Addl. CGA, PFMS with approval of Principal Secretary (Finance) of the State Government in case of SNA and Secretary of the Ministry/Department of Government of India in case of CNA.

  
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To

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2. Finance Secretaries of all State Governments

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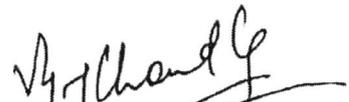
**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: SOP for deposit of SNA Account Interest in CFI on change of Bank Account-reg.**

Under the SNA Model of CSS Implementation in states, if any, SNA wishes to change a bank account mapped with the SLS and to open a new bank account to be re-mapped as SNA bank account for the same SLS, the following procedure needs to be followed by the implementing agency for deposit of interest in CFI:-

- i. Any change in bank by the SNA will require **prior approval of the Finance Secretary of the State concerned.**
- ii. A request needs to be sent by IA to PFMS Headquarters, through its State Directorate for the change of bank citing reasons for the same after closing the old account and parallel opening the new bank account. The Interest generated on the unspent balance in the old account needs to be calculated as on the date of closure of the old bank account. The Implementing Agency shall transfer the unspent balance plus interest accrued in old account to the new Account bringing the old account balance to "Zero".
- iii. The IA shall also ensure that proposal for change of SNA bank account is sent to PFMS after ensuring that no vouchers related to the old account are pending for sharing with PFMS through Treasury integration and all have been accounted for in the SNA report.
- iv. On receipt of request of bank change from IA, PFMS HQ shall verify the interest accrued in old bank account from the SNA 04 report and remap the new bank account with the SLA.
- v. After the new SNA bank account has been mapped by the PFMS; the IA shall proceed for depositing the amount of interest accrued from the old account to CFI by first transferring it to Holding Account and thereafter through NTRP into CFI.
- vi. The interest thus deposited may also be verified from SNA 04A report.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
(Vijay Choudhary)

Dy. Controller General of Accounts

To

1. Chairman/CMD/ED/CGM of Banks

2. All CCAs/CAs of Central Ministries/Departments along with a request to kindly inform FAs/PDs of the division.
3. Jt CGA (Roll out)
4. Dy CGA(Roll out), with a request for circulating to all agencies and PFMS state Directorate

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM****Sub: Implementation of PFMS Protocols-reg.**

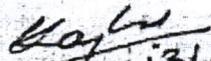
It is known that under CNA/SNA module of implementation of CS/CSS schemes respectively; Banks play an important role for ensuring smooth payment processes. This can be possible only when banks are fully compliant of the PFMS protocols of bank integration. The mandatory protocols that are required to be adopted by each Bank; that is either on-boarded or requires to be on-boarded for SNA/CNA are as follows:-

1. Single Account Validation
2. Discontinuation of manual PPA (use of DSC or ePA)
3. Payment Route and ANYM Protocol
4. Ack/Nack for Payment
5. Daily Bank Balance Updation
6. SHA2 Protocol
7. Migration of Banks to PFMS-SFTP

While this issue of adoption of PFMS protocols has been stressed upon in several bank meetings; it is seen that many banks are still found wanting in their full compliance.

It is, therefore, reiterated again that all currently on boarded banks may ensure full compliance of these protocols. The adoption of these protocols is an important KPI which shall further determine the integration /dis-integration of the banks with PFMS.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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21/6/2023  
Asstt. Controller of Accounts

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Chairman/CMD/ED/CGM Banks

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