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Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
(Disaster Management Division)

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To

The Chief Secretaries  
(All States/ UTs)

Subject:- Disbursement of all beneficiary oriented assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into the account of the beneficiary – regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

As you are aware that the Government of India has launched a major reform initiative Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 to re-engineer the existing cumbersome delivery processes using modern Information and Communication Technology (ICT). This programme aims to transfer benefits directly into the bank/ postal accounts, preferably Aadhaar seeded, of accurately targeted beneficiaries. In a nutshell, DBT intends to achieve:

- a) Electronic transfer of benefits, minimising levels involved in benefit flow.
- b) Reduced delay in payments.
- c) Accurate targeting of the beneficiary.
- d) Curbing pilferage and duplication.

2. DBT is an attempt to ensure a better and timelier delivery of benefits to the targeted beneficiary. This marks a paradigm shift in the process of delivering government benefits like wage payments, fuel subsidies, food grain subsidies, etc. directly into the hands of the beneficiaries, speeding up payments, removing leakages, and enhancing financial inclusion.

3. As such, effective from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, State Governments should invariably use Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to provide various kinds of beneficiary oriented assistance under SDRF/ NDRF like gratuitous relief, input subsidy assistance to farmers for land/ crop loss, assistance to small and marginal farmers for replacement of animals, assistance to fishermen, assistance to handicraft/ handloom artisans and assistance for houses damaged etc.

4. In view of the above, the State Governments are requested to take necessary action to ensure that all individual beneficiary-oriented assistance is mandatorily/ necessarily disbursed through DBT into the account of the beneficiary w. e. f. April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

  
(Sanjeev Kumar Jindal)  
Joint Secretary (DM)

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- i) The Relief Commissioner/ Secretary (Disaster Management) (All States/ UTs).
- ii) The Resident Commissioners (All States/ UTs), New Delhi.

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