## GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY PLANNING AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

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Sub: PRD - COVID-19 - Meeting to discuss the disbursement of Relief Package announced by GoI on account of lockdown due to the pandemic COVID-19 in the U.T. of Puducherry - Communication of Minutes - Reg.

Minutes of the meeting held on 03.04.2020 in the Chamber of Secretary(Planning/Finance) regarding the disbursement of Relief Package announced by GoI on account of lockdown due to the pandemic COVID-19 in the U.T. of Puducherry is sent herewith for information and necessary action.

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Encl: As stated.

To

- 1. Special Secretary(Civil Supplies), Puducherry
- 2. Director, Department of Women & Child Development, Puducherry
- 3. Director, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Puducherry
- 4. The Lead District Manager(Lead Bank, Indian Bank), Puducherry
- 5. All Nationalized Banks
- 6. The Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Puducherry

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- 1. P.S. to Chief Secretary
- 2. P.S. to Development Commissioner
- 3. P.S. to Secretary(Plg./Finance)
- 4. P.S. to Director(Plg.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 03.04.2020 IN THE CHAMBER OF SECRETARY(PLANNING/FINANCE) TO DISCUSS THE DISBURSEMENT OF RELIEF PACKAGE ANNOUNCED BY GoI ON ACCOUNT OF LOCKDOWN DUE TO THE PANDEMIC CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

A meeting was held in the Chamber of Secretary(Planning/Finance) on 03.04.2020 to discuss about the disbursement of cash benefits to the eligible beneficiaries based on the announcement made by GoI on account of lockdown due to the pandemic Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- 2. Special Secretary(Civil Supplies), Director(DW&CD), representative from Agriculture Department, Lead District Manager(LDM)(Lead Bank-Indian Bank), Officials of Post Office, representatives from other Nationalized Banks were attended and the important points emerged during the meeting are as follows:
  - ➤ As 91 disbursing points are available with Post Office, LDM and other Nationalized banking authorities shall coordinate with Postal officials to make use of their PoS/Mobile Apps available for payment both in rural and urban.
  - > SBI has to ensure that sufficient cash is available with all disbursing points
  - > Post Office officials have to coordinate with Special Secretary(Civil Supplies) to get the details about the State Scheme like National Food Security and to make wide publicity among the public about the facilities available with the Post Offices.
  - > People having savings account in Banks can also avail the benefit through the Post Offices.
  - > Post Offices have to serve both in Rural and Urban areas, however show more focus in Urban areas.
  - > LDM, all Banks and Post Offices should share their day to day report on payment made in each point under Central as well as State Schemes to Secretary(Finance) by 5.00 p.m. on daily basis.
  - > The daily report should be reflected the number of beneficiaries and the amount disbursed by scheme-wise.
  - > While disbursement, the social distancing must be strictly adhered to and the PoS should be cleaned as per GoI norms.
- 3. With these, the meeting came to an end.