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Dated, Kolkata the 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

From : The Commissioner in the  
Food & Supplies Department.

To : The Director of Finance,  
Food & Supplies Department.

Subject : Opening of savings accounts with SBI, HDFC and Bandhan Bank, Kolkata for making payment to farmers through cheques with the HUB and SPOKE model for KMS 2019-20 onwards.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Department accords approval for opening of savings accounts with SBI, HDFC and Bandhan Bank, Kolkata for making payment to the farmers selling paddy at the Centralised Procurement Centres (CPCs)/ Direct Purchase Camps (DPCs) through cheques with HUB and SPOKE model for KMS 2019-20 onwards. The Department had earlier opened Savings accounts with YES Bank and RBL Bank for the same purpose vide order nos. 644-FS dated 23.02.2018 and 812-FS dated 07.03.2019 respectively.

The aforesaid banks will operate under HUB and SPOKE model and issue cheques to the farmers selling paddy at the designated Centralised Procurement Centres (CPCs)/ Direct Purchase Camps (DPCs), having KYC compliant bank accounts. The district-wise break- up of the banks will be as follows :

| Sl. No. | Name of the Bank          | Name of the Districts   | Total number of districts |
|---------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1       | State Bank of India (SBI) | South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Nadia, Purulia and Bankura.   | 5 (Five)                  |
| 2       | YES Bank                  | Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Bardhaman, Paschim Midnapore and Jhargram. | 4 (Four)                  |
| 3       | RBL Bank                  | Jalpaiguri, Howrah, Murshidabad, Coochbehar and Alipurduar.         | 5 (Five)                  |
| 4       | HDFC Bank                 | Hooghly, Birbhum and Purba Midnapore.                               | 3 (Three)                 |
| 5       | Bandhan Bank              | Darjeeling, Malda, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur.             | 4 (Four)                  |

In this connection it may be mentioned here that the Finance Department had earlier made their approval for payment of the cost of paddy to the farmers through cheques with HUB and SPOKE model vide their U.O. No. Group T/ 2018-2019/1112 dated 24.12.2018.

I am further directed to kindly request you to complete all the formalities for opening the said account for paddy procurement operation for KMS 2019-20 onwards and inform the Department accordingly.

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The said savings accounts opened in different banks will be held jointly by the Director of Finance, Food and Supplies Department and the Director of DDP&S, Food and Supplies Department, on behalf of the Government. The savings accounts will be operated jointly by the Joint Director/ Deputy Director of Finance, F&S Department and the Joint Director/ Deputy Director of DDP&S, F&S Department at the Head Quarter Level. The name and the number of cheque signing authority at the district level will be decided by the District Magistrate of the district concerned which will be communicated to the respective Banks for records and passing of cheques.

The existing banks RBL and YES Bank will continue to distribute cheques to the farmers until the replacements are made by the aforesaid banks so that there is no disruption at all in the procurement operations. The Director of Finance will ensure adequate number of cheques at any point of time so that the procurement operations under the ages " Nije Dhan Din Nije Cheque Nin" progresses smoothly.

Yours faithfully,

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Commissioner in the  
Food & Supplies Department

No. 4964 /1(6) -FS

Dated, Kolkata the 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Joint Secretary, Finance Department, Government of West Bengal.
2. The Director of DDP&S, Food and Supplies Department.
3. The District Magistrate (All except Kalimpong.)
4. The District Controller , F&S,(All except Kalimpong.)
5. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, F&S Department.
6. The Sr. P.S. to the Principal Secretary & Commissioner of Food , F&S Department.

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Commissioner in the  
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