

**IMPORTANT**

From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government Haryana,  
Finance Department.

To

1. All the Heads of Departments in Haryana.
2. Registrar General, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.
3. All the Commissioners of Divisions in Haryana.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners in Haryana State.
5. All the Sub Divisional Officers (Civil) in the State.

Memo No. 28/21/2012-5B&C

Dated, Chandigarh, the 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

**Subject: Parking of funds outside Government Accounts - Closing of Bank Accounts.**

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Refer to the Finance Department's U.O. No. 28/21/2012-5B&C, dated 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 addressed to all the Administrative Secretaries and all the Head of Departments and subsequent Memo of even no. dated 10.01.2014 vide which detailed instructions were issued in respect of opening/closing of bank accounts. But it has come to the notice of the Finance Department that these instructions are not being followed meticulously by the departments.

2. A meeting of the Public Accounts Committee of Haryana Vidhan Sabha (PAC) was held on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 in which the Additional Chief Secretary to Government Haryana, Finance Department was orally examined and the Committee made serious observations regarding parking of the Government funds outside the government accounts. After detailed deliberations, it has been decided by the Finance Department that all the bank accounts still being operated by the Head of Departments in their name (designation) or in the name (designation) of any other officer working in the department should be closed immediately and the amount lying in the said bank accounts be deposited in the State treasury unless permission has been granted by the Finance Department after 01 April, 2014.

3. It is, therefore, again reiterated that action immediately for closing of all the bank accounts being operated by the officers of your department and the amount be deposited in the State treasury without further loss of time if the requisite permission has not been taken for operating the said account after 01 April, 2014.

4. It is pertinent to mention here that as on date treasuries in the State are fully computerized. A robust mechanism i.e. Electronic Payment System (EPS), e-salary, e-pension, OBAMAS, e-billing, e-receipt/e-GRAS and web OTIS has been developed and all the payments to the payee can be made through RTGS/NEFT. Once a cheque/bill/refund order is presented through e-bill system then amount can be directly credited to the account of the payee through Electronic Payment System. Therefore, irregular practice of transfer of government funds in current/saving accounts of banks by DDOs/HODs needs to be strictly curbed.

5. In exceptional circumstances, where the procedure of operation of a bank account cannot be done away with, then a detailed fresh proposal may be sent to the Finance Department for opening/continuing operation of bank account in accordance with instructions dated 26 November, 2012 as referred above. Thus, only those bank accounts will be allowed to be operated in which necessary permission from the Finance Department has been taken a fresh.

6. It is also pertinent to mention here that the Union Government has decided from 1.04.2014, plan assistance under all the CSS and Block Grants would be classified as Central Assistance to State Plan. Accordingly, transfers under CSS would be through the Consolidated Fund of the States and not directly to the implementing agencies by the Union Government. In view of the decision taken by the Union Government there is no need to open savings bank accounts for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes. You are, therefore, requested that all such accounts be closed immediately.

