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Department of Agricultural Research & Education

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Workshop on "Electronic payments and receipts by Government"

The Workshop on "Electronic payments and receipts by Government" was conducted by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY) on 20-12-2016.

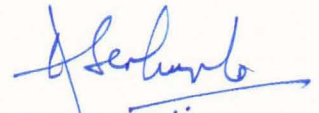
2. The objective of the Workshop pertained to understand issues/concerns/user level experiences for seamless payments across stakeholders.
3. Secretary/ MEITY, while addressing the gathering highlighted that the Government endeavour is to have a system of Cashless, Faceless and Paperless system of governance.
4. Bankers, e-wallet companies, mobile service providers, Credit card companies, officials from various line Ministries, State Government participated in the Workshop. The workshop emphasised the fact that key-broad level challenges are the accessibility of payment touch points, awareness of electronic payment instruments, standardisation and improvisation of government payments and receipt systems at Centre and State Departments.
5. The following points are the highlights of the Workshop which needs to be implemented by DARE/ICAR:-
  - (a) All Ministries/Departments of GoI are required to discharge all payments above Rs. 5000/- to suppliers/contractors/loanee institutions by issue of payment advances including electronically signed payment.

(b) Govt. Deptt. shall take appropriate steps to bear Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) cost like other merchants. The public shall not bear any MDR cost for making payment.

(c) A website has been launched called BHARATKOSH for making online payment non-tax revenue payable to Govt.

(d) Govt. Deptts. may use pre-payment instrument (PPI) that facilitate fund transfer for the purchase of goods and services against the value stored on such instruments. However, only licensed PPIs which are available on RBI website are to be used.

6. This issues with the approval of competent authority.



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