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The Chairman and Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer All Scheduled Commercial Banks including RRBs / Urban Co-operative Banks / State Co-operative Banks / District Central Co-operative Banks/Local Area Banks

Madam / Dear Sir,

Clearing operations on March 29, 30 and 31, 2014

A reference is invited to the circular issued by our Department of Government and Bank Accounts (<u>DGBA.GAD.No.H.5430/42.01.029/2013-14 dated March 26, 2014</u>) on 'Annual Closing of Government Accounts - Transactions of Central / State Governments - Special Measures for the Current Financial Year (2013-14)'.

2. With a view to facilitate accounting of all the Government transactions for the current financial year (2013-2014) by March 31, 2014, it has been decided to conduct special clearing at all clearing houses across the country on **March 29, 30 and 31, 2014** as detailed below:

Date	Type of clearing	Presentation	Return clearing
		clearing	
March 29,	(i) Normal Clearing as followed on any working Saturday		
2014			
(Saturday)	(ii) In addition, a Special	(iii) Half an hour/One	(iv) Half an hour/One
	Clearing exclusively for	hour after the extended	hour after the
	credit to Government	business hours keeping	presentation clearing or
	accounts on the same day.	in view the operational	as per the operational
		convenience at the local	convenience at the
		center.	local center.
March 30,	(v) A Special Clearing	(vi) Half an hour/One	(vii) Half an hour/One
2014	exclusively for credit to	hour after the business	hour after the
(Sunday)	Government accounts on the	hours (as applicable for	presentation clearing or
	same day.	Mon-Fri day) keeping in	as per the operational
		view the operational	convenience at the
		convenience at the local	local center.
		center.	

March	(viii) Locations where the day	(ix) Half an hour/One hour	(x) Half an hour/One
31, 2014	is a holiday under Negotiable	after the business hours	hour after the
(Monday)	Instruments Act 1881-	keeping in view the	presentation clearing or
		operational convenience	as per the operational
	A Special Clearing with same	at the local center.	convenience at the
	day return clearing.		local center.
	(xi) Locations where the day	(xii) Normal clearing as is	followed on any working
	is a working day-	Monday.	
	(xiii) In addition, a Special	(xiv) Half an hour/One	(xv) Half an hour/One
	Clearing exclusively for credit	hour after the extended	hour after the
	to Government accounts on	business hours keeping in	presentation clearing or
	the same day as per the	view the operational	as per the operational
	times schedule indicated in	convenience at the local	convenience at the
	table (xiv and (xv)→	center.	local center.

- 3. Agency banks doing Government business alone will be permitted to present instruments in the Special Clearing on other participating banks. Other member banks of the Clearing House (including the presenting banks) are required to keep their inward clearing processing infrastructure open during the Special Clearing hours and maintain sufficient balance in their clearing settlement account to meet settlement obligations arising out of the Special Clearing.
- 4. Operating Procedure for tendering instruments through the three CTS grid Centers will be issued separately by the Presidents of the concerned Grid center.
- 5. Member banks of Clearing Houses are advised to adhere to the instructions contained in this circular as well as the instructions received from the Regional offices of Reserve Bank of India and Presidents of respective Clearing Houses.
- 6. Member banks are also advised to be in readiness to participate in the Centralised Payment Systems (RTGS and NEFT) on these days (March 29-31, 2014). A separate broadcast message in this regard will be issued through the respective system indicating the extended time window.

Yours faithfully

(Vijay Chugh) Chief General Manager