Commercial Circular No.272

Sub: - Withdrawal of Legal Tender Character of existing Rs.500/- & Rs.1000/- Bank Notes and extension of due date & time limit for prompt payment discount to LT Consumers

Ref : - 1) Government of India Gazette Notification No.2652 dtd.08.11.2016
      2) Circular issued by CGM (CF) vide no CGM(CF)/MSEDCL/3156 dt. 09.11.2016

The Govt. of India vide its Gazette notification as referred above has recommended that bank notes of denominations of the existing series of the value of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only) and Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) issued by Reserve Bank of India (hereinafter-referred to as specified bank notes) shall be ceased to be legal tender w.e.f. 9th November, 2016, to the extent specified in the notification.

Since as per the above notification, above denominated currency notes shall not be accepted at any of the MSEDCL Cash counters with immediate effect. Hence it is required to circulate necessary instructions to all the MSEDCL cash collection counters, cash collection agencies & ATP collection centers for not to accept existing Rs.500/- & Rs.1000/- Bank Notes. Accordingly necessary instructions have already been issued by CGM(CF) vide their circular referred above. (Copy enclosed)

Further, due to the above notification, all banks will remain closed on 9th November, 2016 and it is possible that they may not function on Saturdays and in some cases on Monday being i.e. 14 Nov. 2016 being Bank holiday. As such to avoid the inconvenience to MSEDCL consumers and to enable them to make payment within prompt payment discount date to avail prompt payment discount all prompt payment dates and due dates falling within the dates between 9th November-16 to 14th November-16 will be extended upto 15th November-16 to L.T. consumers only. Since the HT consumers are having facility for making the payment through RTGS, the above extension is given to LT consumers only.

All filed offices are requested to take note of above guidelines and necessary instructions may be passed on to all concerned offices with immediate effect.

Copy s.w.r. to :-
1) The Hon'ble Chairmen MERC Mumbai.
2) The Hon'ble Principal Secretary (Energy) Mantralaya Mumbai.

- For information please.

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CIRCULAR

Sub : Non acceptance of Rs.500/- & Rs.1000/- Old currency Notes from 09.11.2016 for collection of Energy Bills & others.

Ref : 1) Gazette of India no 2652 Dt. 08.11.2016

Central Government of India has withdrawn the OLD currency notes of Rs.500 & Rs. 1000 from mid night of 08.11.2016 vide the Gazette of India under reference. This clearly mentions that the OLD currency notes of Rs.500 & Rs. 1000 will have no transaction value from midnight of 08.11.2016 and any transaction with these notes will be illegal from mid night of 03.11.2016. Few essential services are exempted from transaction till 11.11.2016, which is reproduced under:

"To avoid inconvenience to the public for the first 72 Hours, Old High Denomination Bank Notes will continue to be acceptance at Government Hospitals and pharmacies in these hospitals/Railway ticketing counters/ticket counters of Government / public sectors undertakings buses and air line ticketing counters at airport : for purchases at consumer co-operative societies / at milk booths, crematoria/burial grounds, at petrol/diesel/gas stations of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies and for arriving and departing passengers at international airports and for foreign tourists to exchange foreign currency at airports up to a specified amount."

Consequent upon above changes, it is hereby instructed that, energy bills and any other type of payment from consumer and others should not be accepted in OLD currency notes of Rs.500 & Rs.1000 from 09th Nov. 2016 onwards. As these currency notes has zero transaction value from midnight of 08.11.2016. Further it should be ensured that all amount collected till 08.11.2016 should be deposited in bank on 10.11.2016 before 12 O’clock noon or as per directives of bank officials in writing. The instructions should be followed with immediate effect.

If new instruction received from Government authorities, same will be communicated to all filed offices and others.

The copy of Gazette of India under reference and press release by RBI is attached herewith.

Chief General Manager (F&A-CF)

Copy s w e to :
1) Director(Finance)/(Operations)/(Projects) MSEDCL, HO Mumbai.
2) Executive Director I/II/III/IV, MSEDCL, HO Mumbai.

Copy s w e to :
1) Chief Engineer infra/APDRP/Distribution/IR&QC/Civil/Power Purchase/Stores/Commercial.
2) Chief General Manager CF/CA/IA/IT/CC/HR.
3) OSD To MD, MSEDCL, HO, Mumbai.

To,
As per mailing List upto Sub division level.
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(आर्थिक कार्य विभाग)

अभियुक्त

नई दिल्ली, 8 नवंबर, 2016

का.आ. 3407(अ)।— भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के केंद्रीय निदेशक बोर्ड (जिसे इसमें इसके पत्तानूक बोर्ड कहा गया है) ने सिफारिश की है कि विधि मान शुरूवातों के पांच महीने और एक हजार महीने के अंतर में बैंक नोट (जिसे इसमें इसके पत्तानूक विनिर्दिष्ट बैंक नोट कहा गया है) बैंक मुद्रा नहीं रखेंगे;

और यह देखा गया है कि विनिर्दिष्ट बैंक नोटों के जाली मुद्रा मुद्रा अविनिष्ट रूप से परिचालित में हैं और बाल्यकालिक बैंक नोटों की जाली बैंक नोटों से अंतरित नहीं करता तथा जाली मुद्रा नोटों का उपयोग देश की अर्थव्यवस्था पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव डाल रहा है;

और यह देखा गया है कि जाली मुद्रा नोट उपयोग के जाली मुद्रा मुद्रा अविनिष्ट रूप में हैं और जाली मुद्रा नोटों का उपयोग देश की अर्थव्यवस्था पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव डाल रहा है;

और यह देखा गया है कि उच्च वृत्त के बैंक नोटों का उपयोग गणना में न लिए गए धन के भंडारण के लिए किया जाता है जैसा कि विधि प्रवर्तन अभिव्यक्तियाँ द्वारा नकदी की बड़ी वसूलियों से परिलिपित हैं;

और यह भी देखा गया है कि जाली मुद्रा का उपयोग मानक पदार्थों का अवैध व्यापार और आतंकवाद जैसे अवैध गतिविधियों के विलोपन के लिए किया जा रहा है, जो देश की अर्थव्यवस्था और सुरक्षा को नुकसान कारित कर रही है और देश की अर्थव्यवस्था और सुरक्षा को मान्य कारित कर रही है तथा केंद्रीय सरकार ने सम्पूर्ण विभागों के पत्तानूक बैंक निदेशकों को कार्यान्वयन करने का विनिष्ठ निर्देश किया है;

अतः अब, केंद्रीय सरकार, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक अधिनियम, 1934 (1934 का 2) (जिसे इसमें इसके पत्तानूक अधिनियम कहा गया है) की धारा 26 की उपधारा (2) द्वारा प्रदत्त अंशाओं का प्रयोग करते हुए, घोषणा करती है कि विनिर्दिष्ट बैंक नोट 9 नवंबर, 2016 से नीचे विनिर्दिष्ट सीमा तक बैंक मुद्रा के रूप में नहीं रखेंगे;

1.(1) बैंककारी कंपनी (विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1949 (1949 का 10) के अधीन परिभाषित प्रथम बैंककारी कंपनी और प्रथम सरकारी बजेता 8 नवंबर, 2016 को कार्यान्वयन के पर उन्होंने द्वारा शुल्क विनिर्दिष्ट बैंक नोटों के ब्याजों को उपस्थित करते हुए एक रिटर्न पूरा करने और 10 नवंबर, 2016 को 13.00 बजे से पूर्व भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (जिसे इसमें इसके पत्तानूक रिजर्व बैंक कहा गया है) के अभियुक्त श्रेणी की कार्यान्वयन को उनके द्वारा विनिर्दिष्ट प्रारूप में अभियुक्त करेगा।
(ii) विनिवेश बैंक के उपवार के लिए 4,000/- रुपए की सीमा का इस अधिकृता के लाभ होने की तारीख से पंद्रह दिन के पश्चात पुनर्विलोकन किया जाएगा और जहाँ भी आवश्यक हो, समूचे आवश्यक किया जाएगा;

(iii) जमा का प्रत्येक बैंक के खाते में लेखा गया िविनिवेश बैंक नोट का प्रत्येक खाते में का अनुपात या भीमाता से 50,000/- रुपए होगा;

(iv) विनिवेश बैंक के उपवार के समतुल्य मूल्य का जमा करने वाले द्वारा विनिवेश बैंक में रखे गए लेख के मानक बैंककारी किस्म के अनुसार और पहचान का विशेष मूल्य प्रकारण करने पर प्रयास किया जाएगा;

(v) जमा का प्रत्येक बैंक के उपवार के समतुल्य मूल्य का जमा करने वाले बैंक के द्वारा विनिवेश बैंक का बैंककारी अनुपालन के अनुसार और पहचान का विशेष मूल्य समय प्रत्यक्ष समय में होगा;

(vi) पटल पर किसी बैंक के लेखे से नकदी का आहरण 24 नवंबर, 2016 को कार्यान्वयन के पश्चात इस अधिकृता के प्रारंभ होने की तारीख से पंद्रह दिन के पश्चात मानक बैंककारी किस्म के अनुसार और पहचान का विशेष मूल्य प्रकारण करने पर प्रयास किया जाएगा;

(vii) किसी बैंक के किसी व्यक्ति के द्वारा प्रचारण के लिए विनिवेश बैंक के नियम अनुसार नहीं होगा, जिसके अंतर्गत बैंक, हिंदू कारखाने, डेबिट कार्ड, मोबाइल बैंकिंग और इंटरनेट बैंकिंग के सबूत दी जाएंगे;

(viii) स्वचालित टैलर मशीन (जिसे इसमें इसके पश्चात एटीएम कहा गया है) से 18 नवंबर, 2016 तक यह उपकरण का प्रयोग नहीं होगा, जिसके अंतर्गत बैंक, हिंदू कारखाने, डेबिट कार्ड, मोबाइल बैंकिंग और इंटरनेट बैंकिंग के सबूत दी जाएंगे;

(ix) कोई व्यक्ति, जो विनिवेश बैंक के अपने बैंक खाते में 30 दिसंबर, 2016 को या उसमें अंश के अनुसार कार्यरत है, उसकी लाभार्थी विनिवेश बैंक के विनिवेश कार्यान्वयन का ऐसी अनुपात में विनिवेश बैंक के संदर्भ में जमा करने का एक समय प्रदान किया जाएगा।
S.O. 3407(E).— Whereas, the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (hereinafter referred to as the Board) has recommended that bank notes of denominations of the existing series of the value of five hundred rupees and one thousand rupees (hereinafter referred to as specified bank notes) shall be ceased to be legal tender;

And whereas, it has been found that fake currency notes of the specified bank notes have been largely in circulation and it has been found to be difficult to easily identify genuine bank notes from the fake ones and that the use of fake currency notes is causing adverse effect to the economy of the country;

And whereas, it has been found that high denomination bank notes are used for storage of unaccounted wealth as has been evident from the large cash recoveries made by law enforcement agencies;

And whereas, it has also been found that fake currency is being used for financing subversive activities such as drug trafficking and terrorism, causing damage to the economy and security of the country and the Central Government after due consideration has decided to implement the recommendations of the Board;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 26 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government hereby declares that the specified bank notes shall cease to be legal tender with effect from the 9th November, 2016 to the extent specified below, namely:—

1. (1) Every banking company defined under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (10 of 1949) and every Government Treasury shall complete and forward a return showing the details of specified bank notes held by it at the close of business as on the 8th November, 2016, not later than 13:00 hours on the 10th November, 2016 to the designated Regional Office of the Reserve Bank of India (hereinafter referred to as the Reserve Bank) in the format specified by it.

(2) Immediately after forwarding the return referred to in sub-paragraph (1), the specified bank notes shall be remitted to the linked or nearest currency chest, or the branch or office of the Reserve Bank, for credit to their accounts.

2. The specified bank notes held by a person other than a banking company referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 or Government Treasury may be exchanged at any Issue Office of the Reserve Bank or any branch of public sector banks, private sector banks, foreign banks, Regional Rural Banks, Urban Cooperative Banks and State Cooperative Banks for a period up to and including the 30th December, 2016, subject to the following conditions, namely:—

(i) the specified bank notes of aggregate value of Rs.4,000/- or below may be exchanged for any denomination of bank notes having legal tender character, with a requisition slip in the format specified by the Reserve Bank and proof of identity;
the limit of Rs.4,000/- for exchanging specified bank notes shall be reviewed after fifteen days from the date of commencement of this notification and appropriate orders may be issued, where necessary;

(iii) there shall not be any limit on the quantity or value of the specified bank notes to be credited to the account maintained with the bank by a person, where the specified bank notes are tendered; however, where compliance with extant Know Your Customer (KYC) norms is not complete in an account, the maximum value of specified bank notes as may be deposited shall be Rs.50,000/-;

(iv) the equivalent value of specified bank notes tendered may be credited to an account maintained by the tenderer at any bank in accordance with standard banking procedure and on production of valid proof of Identity;

(v) the equivalent value of specified bank notes tendered may be credited to a third party account, provided specific authorisation therefor accorded by the third party is presented to the bank, following standard banking procedure and on production of valid proof of identity of the person actually tendering;

(vi) cash withdrawal from a bank account over the counter shall be restricted to Rs.10,000/- per day subject to an overall limit of Rs. 20,000/- a week from the date of commencement of this notification until the end of business hours on 24th November, 2016, after which these limits shall be reviewed;

(vii) there shall be no restriction on the use of any non-cash method of operating the account of a person including cheques, demand drafts, credit or debit cards, mobile wallets and electronic fund transfer mechanisms or the like;

(viii) withdrawal from Automatic Teller Machines (hereinafter referred to as ATMs) shall be restricted to Rs.2,000 per day per card up to 18th November, 2016 and the limit shall be raised to Rs.4,000 per day per card from 19th November, 2016;

(ix) any person who is unable to exchange or deposit the specified bank notes in their bank accounts on or before the 30th December, 2016, shall be given an opportunity to do so at specified offices of the Reserve Bank or such other facility until a later date as may be specified by it.

3.  (1) Every banking company and every Government Treasury referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 shall be closed for the transaction of all business on 9th November, 2016, except the preparation for implementing this scheme and remittance of the specified bank notes to nearby currency chests or the branches or offices of the Reserve Bank and receipt of bank notes having legal tender character.

(2) All ATMs, Cash Deposit Machines, Cash Recyclers and any other machine used for receipt and payment of cash shall be shut on 9th and 10th November, 2016.

(3) Every bank referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 shall recall the specified bank notes from ATMs and replace them with bank notes having legal tender character prior to reactivation of the machines on 11th November, 2016.

(4) The sponsor banks of White Label ATMs shall be responsible to recall the specified bank notes from the White Label ATMs and replacing the same with bank notes having legal tender character prior to reactivation of the machines on 11th November, 2016.

(5) All banks referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 shall ensure that their ATMs and White Label ATMs shall dispense bank notes of denomination of Rs.100 or Rs. 50, until further instructions from the Reserve Bank.

(6) The banking company referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 and Government Treasuries shall resume their normal transactions from 10th November, 2016.

4. Every banking company referred to sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1, shall at the close of business of each day starting from 10th November, 2016, submit to the Reserve Bank, a statement showing the details of specified bank notes exchanged by it in such format as may be specified by the Reserve Bank.

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