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Subject: Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Package – DBT cash transfer to all Women Account holders under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY).

Dear Chief Secretary,

In view of the situation of economic & social distress which has arisen because of the outbreak of Novel Corona Virus - COVID-19, it is proposed to provide onetime ex-gratia payment of Rs 500 per month for next three months (starting 1 April 2020) to all the women Jan Dhan Account holders.

According to the information provided by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) there are in all 2039.51 Lakhs women PMJDY account holders spread across Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks and Regional Rural Banks. These account holders are to be provided ex-gratia payment of Rs 500 per month for next three months i.e. April, May & June 2020 in their PMJDY accounts. This number is inclusive of women PMJDY Account holders of rural as well as urban areas.

Funds for the said purpose would be provided for by Department of Rural Development, through Central Nodal Bank (State Bank of India) which will further transmit funds to other participating Banks according to the list provided by Department of Financial Services (DFS). The funds so transferred to the Banks must be credited to the accounts of beneficiaries immediately on receipt of funds for this purpose.

The first tranche of this benefit is likely to be credited into beneficiary account within the first week of April 2020. You are requested to do the needful to spread awareness about the scheme and also facilitate withdrawal of the transferred amount by the beneficiaries (as per their requirement) in an orderly manner adhering to the norms of social distancing.

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Chief Secretaries of All State/UTs