

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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From

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Principal Secretary to Government**

To

**The Additional Chief Secretaries to Government/
Principal Secretaries to Government/
Commissioner-cum-Secretaries to Government/
Secretaries to Government
All Departments**

Sub: Clarification on opening of Single Nodal Accounts (SNA) for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

Ref: This Department Letter No.18695 dated 16.07.2021 & 20528 dated 03.08.2021

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the aforementioned letters and subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that a No. of complaints have been received by Finance Dept. regarding selection of Banks for handling of Single Nodal Account for Centrally Sponsored Scheme as required under Revised Guidelines of Dept. of Expenditure dated 23rd March, 2021. In this context, it is further clarified that the selection of bank should be made on the basis of certain objective criteria as earlier pointed out by Finance Department.

Departments should attach equal weight to the key parameters such as **No. of Branches, CD ratio and Support extended by bank for implementation of Government schemes.** It is to clarify that by support extended for implementation of government schemes, we mean the **performance of banks in terms of achievement of Annual Credit Plan (ACP) during the previous year.** Besides the above, departments may also ask for manpower requirement, handholding support and other assistance to be extended by banks for smooth implementation of the SNA framework for centrally sponsored schemes under their administrative control.

I would, therefore, request you to issue suitable instruction/direction to the departments under your administrative control to strictly adhere to the aforementioned criteria while selecting the banks for SNA purpose as mandated for centrally sponsored schemes implemented in your department.

Finance Department had earlier requested to share the details of Single Nodal Account opened by different departments for various centrally sponsored schemes. The same are yet to be received.

It is once again requested to share the details of the Single Nodal Account opened under various CSS in your Department along with the justification for selecting the bank with Finance Department for future reference.

This may please be treated on Top Priority.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Secretary to Government