

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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From

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**Principal Secretary to Government.**

To

**The Additional Chief Secretaries/  
The Principal Secretaries/  
The Commissioner-cum-Secretaries,  
All Departments.**

Sub: **Payment of cashless payment eco-system using Unified Payment Interface (UPI).**

**Sir/Madam,**

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above I am to say that the outbreak of Covid-19 has called for majors to avoid currency based transactions as the currency notes can become source for transmission of the virus. In such situation contactless digital payment ensuring social distance will definitely help in preventing spreading of the virus. Ministry of Electronics &IT, Gol has requested all the State Governments to promote Unified Payment Interface (UPI) which enables digital payment in websites/Mobile Apps. Further the UPI QR code can be easily deployed to enable contactless digital payment by "scan & pay" in physical payment receipt counters.

In this regard the NPCI in association with the payment eco system players is currently undertaking a campaign named "UPI Chalega" as an instant mode of payment. This campaign intends to provide guidance to the citizens on appropriate usage of UPI and to inculcate behavior changes for use of UPI payments in their daily life.

It may be further pointed out that the UPI's QR code can be used by Government offices / agencies or para-bodies like Universities, Municipalities etc. The Urban Local Bodies and Rural Local Bodies who issues trading license

to the private retail bodies may also promote the Unified Payment Interface to be used in their business counters.

Housing & Urban Development Department and Panchayati Raj & DW Department being the nodal Department are requested to instruct the ULBs and RLBs to insist that the traders registered by them to use digital payment system preferably UPI based payment eco system to help the State in avoiding the possibility of transmission of Covid-19 virus.

For any technical assistance or clarification in the matter Departmental agencies can contact the following personnel/officers of the Ministry of E & IT, Government of India. (Copy of the MeitY letter is enclosed).

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It is therefore requested that all Departmental Heads may advise all the field formations and agencies to use the UPI payment system in the cash receipt counters and also to promote private retail business enterprise to use UPI based digital payment system and avoid transactions in physical currency notes.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**Principal Secretary to Government**