

Government of Assam
Finance Department
NOTIFICATION

Dispur, the 21st December, 2016.

FIF.37/2016/Part-1/22, Dtd.20/12/2016 :- In the context of series of initiatives of Government of India in the Ministry of Finance for promoting digital mode of financial transactions and as post-demonetization, the Governor of Assam is pleased to provide incentives and awards to promote less cash economy as follows:

1. Central Government Oil PSUs have offered 0.75% discount on the price of diesel and petrol to the customers if they pay electronically. State Government will also offer another 0.75% discount in addition to the above and this amount will be adjusted to the VAT dues to be paid by the Oil PSUs. Customers will get the cash back of equivalent to 1.5% of the price of diesel/petrol purchased into their accounts. This will be effective from 1st Jan 2017. (Action :- Finance (Taxation) Department)
2. User Charges in Government Hospitals/Medical Colleges vary from Rs 20 to Rs 25000/ for various categories of services like diagnostics, OT facilities etc. All patients whose user charges are Rs 500/- and above will be reduced by 10% to those who pay electronically. If Hospitals/Medical colleges incur any financial loss on this account, State Government will compensate the Hospital Management Committees. (Action :- Health & Family Welfare Department)
3. Property Tax and Trade license fee charged by ULBS will be reduced by 10% to those who pay electronically. If any ULB incurs any financial loss on this account, State Government will compensate them. (Action :- UDD & GDD Department)
4. GPSS which makes all receipts and payments electronically will be incentivised. Such GPSS will get a cash award of Rs 25,000 if 100% payments are made digital continuously from 1st January 2017 to 30th June 2017. (Action :- Food & Civil Supply Department)
5. FPS which makes all receipts and payments electronically will be incentivised. Such FPS will get a cash award of Rs 10,000 if 100% payments are made digital continuously from 1st January 2017 to 30th June 2017. If there are more than 10 claimants are there, 10 will be selected by lottery. (Action :- Food & Civil Supply Department)
6. If more than 75% account holders in a Rural Bank branch who make at least two electronic/digital transactions between 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017, such Bank branch will be awarded "**CM's Award for Assam Rural Digital Initiative 2016-17**" with a cash award of Rs 50,000 and a citation. If there are more than 10 claimants are there, 10 will be selected by lottery. But this is not applicable to city or ULB areas and 100% service area shall be PRI area. (Action :- Finance (IF) Department)

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7. If all transactions of a village in a particular Gaon Panchayat are made 100% electronic within 31st Mar 2017, such selected village will be awarded "**CM's Award for Uttam Panchayat for Digital Transactions**" with a cash award of Rs 5,00,000 and a citation. If there are more than 10 claimants are there, 10 will be selected by lottery. (Action :- P&RD Department)
8. If all transactions of a farmer on purchase of fertilisers and seeds happen through cash less mechanism between 1st January 2017 and 15th July 2017, such first ten farmers in each district will be awarded, "**CM's Award for Digital Krishak Shiromoni**" with a cash award of Rs 5000 and a Citation. (Action :- Agriculture Department)
9. Rs.100/- per labour will be given as an incentive to a tea estate/garden provided that the full payment of wages to a particular worker at each of the specified intervals is made through digital mode during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2017 and the maximum amount of such incentive will be restricted/available to the extent of the agricultural income tax liability to be paid to the Government by such tea garden. (Action :- Finance (Taxation) Department)
10. Rs.5/- per ticket will be given as an incentive to Cinema Hall Owners for online sale of tickets through digital payment received during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2017 and such amount will be reduced from entertainment tax to be paid to the Government. (Action :- Finance (Taxation) Department)
11. If all receipts and payments are electronically made by Government/provincialized colleges continuously from 1st Jan 2017 to 15th July 2017, such top ten colleges will be provided a cash incentive of Rs 5 lakh each. . If there are more than 10 claimants are there, 10 will be selected by lottery. (Action :- Higher Education Department)
12. If 75% of total land revenue is collected through digital mode from 1st Jan 2017 to 15th July 2017, such first top ten Mauzadars will be provided a cash incentive of Rs 25,000 each. . If there are more than 10 claimants are there, 10 will be selected by lottery. (Action :- Revenue & DM Department)
13. Entry Tax for POS Machines will be exempted up to 31.03.2017.
(Action :- Finance (Taxation) Department)
14. Entry Tax for VSAT Dish antennae will be exempted up to 31.03.2017.
(Action :- Finance (Taxation) Department)
15. Entry Tax for all Mobile Wifi will be exempted up to 31.03.2017.
(Action :- Finance (Taxation) Department)
16. All taxes under the Commissionerate of Taxes shall only be deposited through electronic/digital mode if tax amount is Rs.10,000/- or more. (Action :- Finance (Taxation) Department)

17. Rs 5 will be provided to the DCs as cash incentive for every individual citizen who have transited to digital payment mode in addition to Rs 10 already announced by *Niti Aayog*. (Action :- Administrative Reforms & Training Department)
18. As part of **CM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration**, a new award called, **Digital District Championship Award** will be instituted, to begin with for 2016-17 ending 31st March 2017 with a cash award of Rs 50,000 and a citation for those DCs who will contribute significantly for capacity building, digital transactions and Brand Building, and Sustainability of less cash economy and digital payments in a district. (Action :- Administrative Reforms & Training Department)

All concerned Departments are requested to issue requisite guidelines against the concerned incentive/award/announcement and ensure claims for such awards/incentives to Finance (IF) Department well in time.

-Sd/- (I.Haque)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Finance Department

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1. P.S to Commissioner & Secretary to Chief Minister of Assam, Dispur, for kind appraisal of Commissioner & Secretary.
2. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister Finance, Assam, Dispur, for kind appraisal of Finance Minister.
3. S.O. to Chief Secretary for information
4. P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Finance for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary.
5. P.S. Commissioner & Secretary (RK/IH/ST) Finance for kind appraisal of Commissioner & Secretary.
6. All Concerned Departments for information & Necessary action.
7. Joint Secretary, (e-GU), Finance (Estt - B) Department. She is requested to upload the Notification in the Govt. of Assam, Finance (IF) Department Website.

By order etc.

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Director

Finance (IF) Department

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