

Press Release

A collaborative function on the “ Initiation of Interface for filing e-TDS ” was conducted by Thiru Tenkasi S Jawahar IAS, Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Treasuries & Accounts, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, under the Chairmanship of Thiru Sushil Khumar, I.R.S. Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, Government of India, Chennai at the O/o Commissionerate of Treasuries and Accounts, Amma Complex, Chennai – 35 on 05.12.2018 at 3.00 pm.

The Commissionerate of Treasuries and Accounts under the Finance Department, Government of Tamilnadu is making a holistic approach towards e-governance, focusing on process engineering, workload optimization and robust management of State finance with the help of Modern Technology.

Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing a unique, path-breaking system for streamlining Treasury operations, known as Integrated Financial and Human Resource Management System (IFHRMS) at a cost of Rs. 288.91 crore to be incurred over a period of five years.

Three leading corporate giants are involved in this historic project viz. M/s. Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd, as the Consulting Agency, M/s. Wipro Ltd, as the System Integrator (SI) and M/s. Pricehousewatercoopers (PWC) as the Third Party Audit Agency (TPAA). This system will enable the integration of various stake holders such as the Accountant General, Tamil Nadu, Controller General of Accounts, Reserve Bank of India, Income Tax Department, Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) and Agency Banks, etc.

On implementation of the IFHRMS, about 23,000 Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) of Tamil Nadu Government throughout the State and New Delhi will be able to submit the bills to the Treasury online without

any time restrictions. Apart from drastically reducing paper work, the DDOs need not spare precious manpower for physically carrying the bills to the Treasury and for ascertaining its status. With online tracking of bill, the DDO will be able to ascertain the exact status of a bill from the time it is presented till it is credited to the beneficiary's account, thus **ensuring greater transparency and convenience.**

Currently, on an average, a bill is settled in 6 to 10 days from the date of presentation at the treasury. Under the new system, where payments are routed through the RBI's e-kuber facility, **same day settlement of all bills will be possible.** In case the amount has not been credited into the beneficiary's account, the DDO will be alerted. This will enable immediate rectification of the defect(s) due to incorrect IFSC code, bank account number, beneficiary name, etc. The monthly cumbersome exercise of accounts reconciliation (between Treasuries and DDOs) will become a thing of the past.

With introduction of online bills, the Commissionerate will go paperless, thus substantially reducing the cost of paper and staff workload. The availability of audit trail of each transaction will help in better monitoring of work flow at various levels and will also instill better discipline in completion of work. As IFHRMS requires minimal human interface, possibilities of errors and manipulations are avoided. The preparation of monthly accounts and movement of vouchers from various Sub Treasuries to District Treasuries and thereon to the Accountant General will no longer be required, **This will result in avoiding the usage of thousand tons of paper. Accounts will be available on a Real Time basis. Banking transactions will be directly routed through RBI, instead of intermidary bank, resulting in huge savings on bank charges.**

As yet another new initiative, the Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts has taken steps to augment the capability of IFHRMS by introducing

Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) module in it for auto-generation of TDS returns. Further, in collaboration with the Income Tax Department (ITD), an interface is being initiated today for filing TDS Form 24G, 24Q, 26Q, etc with the e-filing portals of the ITD.

3. Highlights of this novel initiative, first in kind in the country, are :-

a) This Interface will facilitate seamless transfer of TDS data/returns from IFHRMS (State Govt portal) to e-filing portals of Income Tax Department for TDS returns in an automated and paperless mode;

b) About 23,000 DDOs/TOs will be relieved of their additional workload of preparing and filing TDS returns and Corrections statements in semi-automated/ manual mode; It will eliminate their dependencies to external TFCs and will result in saving their time and money;

c) This would ensure timely credit of State Govt TDS money into Central Govt a/c;

d) This would ensure better tax payer service to nearly about 5 lakhs State Govt Employees by timely reflection of their TDS credit in Form 26AS and supply of Form 16/16A which is one of the largest area for grievance among tax payers.

e) This will avoid mounting infructuous TDS arrears of the State Govt on account delay/incorrect filing of TDS returns and delay in remittance of TDS;

f) Overall, this would greatly help to achieve better tax compliance and augmentation of revenue in a tax payer friendly and grievance free environment;

4) It is another milestone in the history of e-governance in the state. This landmark initiative has become a possibility mainly because of the dynamic leadership, unstinting support, continuous encouragement and team

spirit displayed by Thiru Sh Sushil Khumar I.R.S.Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and Thiru Tenkasi S Jawahar, Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Government of Tamil Nadu.

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