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- 1) All member banks under SLBC, West Bengal
- 2) All Lead District Managers in West Bengal

Re : Functioning of branches/banking outlets during Lockdown and Social Distancing norms.  
Ref : FS-114/2020 dated 16-04-2020 of Addl Chief Secretary (Finance) , GoWB.

Kindly refer to the contents of the captioned letter which was shared with the member banks by SLBC Desk on 17-04-2020. It was advised by the authorities that the bank branches in the State, which are required to make payment to the beneficiaries of different schemes, must inform the Police Station and Local authorities in writing in advance clearly mentioning the dates of effecting such payments and the related account numbers. SLBC advocated the system of staggered payment with identification of the accounts on the basis of the last digit/s of the account number for a particular day (as already practised during the payment against the recent relief provided to women beneficiaries with PMJDY accounts).

In the absence of any system of structured flow of information from the DBT remitting authority to the disbursing Bank Branches, it is not possible to comply with the directive regarding furnishing of account numbers under various schemes.

In view of the utmost importance attached to Social Distancing norms and regulating the flow of customers in the branches as well as banking outlets manned by Bank Mitras and in order to get support from Local Administration & Police Authorities, SLBC advises that the branches may follow the following schedule of payment based on last digit of the account number from tomorrow, the 24<sup>th</sup> April onwards till the Lockdown is lifted.

Account number with last digit as	Date of Payment
0 or 1	24.04.2020
2 or 3	27.04.2020
4 or 5	28.04.2020
6 or 7	29.04.2020
8 or 9	30.04.2020

From the next working date, i.e.02.05.2020 the same sequential order will be carried forward. However, it is to be noted that for payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tranches of relief to women beneficiaries with PMJDY in May and June, the dates as mentioned by Department of Financial Services will be applicable and the sequence is to be aligned accordingly.

The member banks may now guide the branches with large foot falls & over-crowding with advice to inform the Local Authorities and arrange for display the schedule of such payment prominently at the branches. **However, Branches expecting manageable rush without any law and order issue, may opt to continue normal banking services under intimation to or approval from the Controlling Heads.**

Preventive / precautionary measures such as periodical sanitization of Branches / CSP points, Compulsory use of masks, sanitizers by the employees as well as customers and maintaining desired level of social distancing must be followed strictly by the branches.

LDMS are advised to intimate the same to the District & Block level Officials and co-ordinate the process wherever required.

  
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