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All Regional Rural Banks / State and Central Co-operative Banks

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Treatment of accounts opened for credit of Scholarship
Amounts under Government Schemes**

Please refer to our [circulars RPCD.CO.RRB.BC.No.41/03.05.33/2013-14 dated October 4, 2013](#) and [RPCD.RCB.BC.No.42/07.51.014/2013-14 dated October 7, 2013](#) advising Regional Rural Banks and State / Central Cooperative Banks to allot a different "product code" in their CBS to accounts opened by them for beneficiaries under the various Central / State Government Schemes including scholarship schemes for students so that the stipulation of inoperative / dormant account due to non-operation does not apply.

2. Bombay High Court has brought to our notice that banks fix a limit on total credits in zero balance accounts opened for students studying in primary, secondary / higher secondary schools and technical institutions. Resultantly, in cases where scholarship amounts exceed the credit limit, banks do not allow the credit and return the amount to the disbursement account of the Government. Further, in some cases banks are reported to have closed zero balance accounts unilaterally without intimating student beneficiaries concerned. Instances of banks refusing to open zero balance account for students have also been brought to our notice.

3. As directed by the Bombay High Court, Regional Rural Banks and State / Central Cooperative Banks are hereby advised to ensure that accounts of all student beneficiaries under the various Central/State Government Scholarship Schemes are free from restrictions of 'minimum balance' and 'total credit limit'.

4. Please acknowledge receipt to our Regional Office.

Yours faithfully,

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चेतावनी: रिज़र्व बैंक द्वारा ई-मेल, डाक, एसएमएस या फोन कॉल के जरिए किसी की भी व्यक्तिगत जानकारी जैसे बैंक के खाते का ब्यौरा, पासवर्ड आदि नहीं मांगी जाती है। यह धन रखने या देने का प्रस्ताव भी नहीं करता है। ऐसे प्रस्तावों का किसी भी तरीके से जवाब मत दीजिए।

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