

THROUGH MAIL ONLY



कार्यालय रक्षा लेखा प्रधान नियंत्रक (मध्य कमान) करियाप्पा मार्ग, लखनऊ छावनी-226002
Office of the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Central Command)
Cariappa Road, Lucnow Cantt-226002
कार्यालय दूरभाष नं. -0522-2451547 कार्यालय फैक्स नं: 0522-2451993
Office Phone No: 0522-2451547 Office Fax No: 0522-2451993

संख्या:र.ले.प्र.नि./भ.ठे./विविध

दिनांक: 23/05/2023

सेवा में,

प्रभारी अधिकारी

1. सभी संबन्धित अनुभाग (स्थानीय)
2. सभी संबन्धित उप- कार्यालय

विषय:- Electronic Bank Guarantee(e-BG) platform of National E-Governance Services Limited(NeSL)-Fast-Tracking Digital Document Execution(DDE) in banks.

मुख्यालय कार्यालय, रक्षा लेखा महानियंत्रक, दिल्ली छावनी के दिनांक 18.05.2023 के पत्र संख्या AT/IX/9504/MoD Cases/e-1037 के अधीन प्राप्त MoD(Fin) ID No. 231(8)/2023/DFPDS Desk/Misc दिनांक 20.04.2023 पत्र, सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु प्रेषित किया जा रहा है।

संयुक्त नियंत्रक महोदय द्वारा अवलोकित।

संलग्नक: उपरोक्त ।



- 56-XX
लेखाधिकारी(भंडार ठेका)

प्रतिलिपि:

प्रभारी अधिकारी

स्वचलन कक्ष (स्थानीय) - र.ले.प्र.नि.(म.क.)लखनऊ के वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने हेतु ।

लेखाधिकारी(भंडार ठेका)

	<p style="text-align: center;">कार्यालय, रक्षा लेखा महानियंत्रक उलान बटार रोड, पालम, दिल्ली छावनी - 110010 Controller General of Defence Accounts Ulan Batar Road, Palam, Delhi Cantt - 110010 Ph no. (011):25665580,729 Fax- (011) : 25674806, 25674821 e-mail: cgdaaudit9.dad@hub.nic.in</p>	
---	--	---

No. AT/IX/9504/MoD Cases/e-1037

Date: 18.05.2023

To

The all PCsDA/PCA(Fys)/CsDA

Subject: Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) platform of National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) - Fast-Tracking Digital Document Execution (DDE) in banks.

A copy of MoD(Fin) ID no. 231(8)/2023/DFPDS Desk/Misc dated 20.04.2023 is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action please.

2. This issues with the approval of Addl. CGDA (AT).

Encl: As above

Suinit
Accounts Officer (AT-IX)

DFA

Ministry of Defence
(Finance/Budget)

Subject:-Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) platform of National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) - Fast-Tracking Digital Document Execution (DDE) in banks.

Enclosed find a copy of MoF, Deptt. of Financial Services communication bearing No. F.No. 6/2/2019-BO-II dated 16.09.2022 vide which it has been informed that NeSL has developed a platform for issuance of electronic Bank- Guarantees (e-BGs) which is a specific use case of DDE platform. This platform allows banks to issue BGs in a paperless mode with digital stamping & signature where NeSL serves as a central repository. In such cases, NeSL provides notifications to the beneficiaries, direct access, verification & downloading capabilities. Accordingly, MDs & CEOs of all Scheduled banks have been advised to consider evaluating the benefits of the e-BG vis-à-vis adoption of the same in their banks.

3. MoF has further highlighted that regarding the acceptance of e-BGs in government transactions, Rule 170(i) & Rule 171(i) of GFR-2017 has also been amended vide their OM dated 05.05.2022. Therefore, permission/acceptance of the e-BG stands granted by MoF.

4. It would be pertinent to point out here that Ministry of Defence & its subordinate organisations are also concluding a lot of contracts where-in to safeguard the interest of exchequer, the use of Bid security, ABG, PBG etc is quite mandatory. Therefore, it is opined that viability of eBGs needs to be looked into and adopted wherever found feasible.

र.ले.व.उ.म.नि. (ले. प.)
Sr. Dy. C.G.D.A. (AT)
डाकरी सं/ Dy. No. 247 दि/Date 03/05/23

रक्षा लेखा वरिष्ठ महानियंत्रक (अ न द)
Sr. Joint CGDA (AND)
डाकरी सं/ Dy. No. 247 दि/Date 03/05/23

र.ले.व.उ.म.नि. (ले. प.)
Sr. Dy. C.G.D.A. (AT)
डाकरी सं/ Dy. No. 240 दि/Date 3.5.23

2-1957
255/Am
8/5/23
Sr Dy CGDA (AT)
Sr. Jt CGDA (AT) may

SAO (A & B)

रक्षा लेखा वरिष्ठ सहायक महानियंत्रक (व.ग.)
Sr. ACGDA (VN) (Subhash Kumar)
डाकरी सं/ Dy. No. 200 दि/Date 04/05/2023 OSD (Budget)

DMA FM (LS) FM (MS) FM (Air) CGDA ✓
MoD (Fin) ID No. 231(8)/2023/DFPDS Desk/Misc. dated: 20-05-2023

रक्षा लेखा संयुक्त महानियंत्रक (एम पी)
Jt. C.G.D.A. (MP)
डाकरी सं/ Dy. No. 251 दि/Date 2/5/23

of Dy (AT)
Sr. Jt CGDA (AT) 9/5
SAO

Ms Bindu

pl. keep a copy in bundle 21/5/2023

19

F.No.6/2/2019-BO.II
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services

Jeevan Deep Building, 3rd Floor
10, Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110 001
Date: 16th September, 2022

To:

1. MD & CEOs of all Scheduled Commercial Banks
2. Chairman, State Bank of India
3. Chief Executive, Indian Banks' Association

Subject: Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) platform of NeSL – Fast-Tracking Digital Document Execution (DDE) in banks

Dear Sir/ Madam,

This is to enclose herewith Letter No. NESL/ED/DDE/2021-22/663 dated 07.09.2022 from National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) on the captioned subject. NeSL has informed that it has now developed a platform for issuance of electronic Bank-Guarantees (e-BGs), which is a specific use case of the DDE platform. This platform allows BGs to be issued by banks in completely paperless mode with digital stamping and digital signature, where NeSL serves as a central repository, providing notifications to beneficiaries and facilitating direct access, verification and download capabilities. NeSL has also highlighted the advantages offered by the e-BG platform in the communication. They may be perused.

2. Regarding the acceptance of e-BG in Government, the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance has recently notified amendments to Rule 170 (i) and Rule 171 (i) of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017. Vide DoE's OM dated 05.08.2022 (copy enclosed), the acceptance of an e-BG as a Bid Security and Performance Security as part of the procurement process has been permitted.

3. In view of the above, you may kindly consider evaluating the benefits offered by e-BG and appropriately consider adoption of the same in your organization.

Yours faithfully,


(Raghav Bhatt)

Deputy Director (BO.II)
Tel. No.011-23748743
E-mail: bo2@nic.in

Check name & put up in file
14/3
S-20 (cc)
17/3 (ei)

Enclosures: As above



E.P. Nivedita, IA&AS
Executive Director

18

NESL/ED/DDE/2021-22/663
7th September 2022

The NeSL DDE platform, which was launched in November, 2020, is now integrated with 26 banks/financial creditors and is enabled for digital stamping in 23 States/ Union Territories. Till date, more than 7 lakh transactions have been executed on this platform accounting for stamp duty amounting to Rs 32 crores. Details as of 31 August 2022 are indicated in **Annexure 1**.

We have now developed a platform referred to as electronic Bank Guarantee (eBG) which is a specific use case of the DDE platform. This platform allows BGs to be issued by banks in completely paperless mode with digital stamping and digital signature, where NeSL serves as a central repository, providing notifications to beneficiaries and facilitating direct access, verification and download capabilities. The IBA has shown keen interest in this initiative and provided valuable input by involving various banks during design of the process. HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank are already live and have started issuing eBG through NeSL. We are also working actively with a few other leading banks. NHAI has shown keen interest, as a beneficiary, in adopting this system and is in discussions with various banks. We are also happy to inform you that the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has notified amendments to Rule 170(i) and 171(i) of the GFR, 2017 permitting the acceptance of e-Bank Guarantees as bid security and Performance Security (A copy is enclosed as annexure 2). This will enable the acceptance of e-BGs as part of the procurement process of all entities governed by the GFR, 2017, such as Central Government Departments, Organizations and specified bodies. The matter is under discussion with different state governments and one state government has expressed keen interest in integrating this platform with its Procurement portal.

The eBG platform offers several advantages such as better monitoring with triggers for renewal, less risk of forgery, faster procurement cycle, quicker encashment of BG. eBG, as a significant product on the DDE platform, can add immense value to the trade/business ecosystem in general by cutting down delays, bringing greater transparency, ease of verification and preventing frauds, and to the banks by enabling better customer service, enhancing efficiency,

No.F.1/4/2022-PPD
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Procurement Policy Division

264-C, North Block, New Delhi.
05.08.2022.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Amendment in General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 - Acceptance of electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG).

It has been decided to partially amend Rule 170(i) and Rule 171(i) of **General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017** regarding 'Bid Security and Performance Security respectively' as under:

Rule/ Para	Existing provision	Amended Rule
170(i)	The bid security may be accepted in the form of Insurance Surety Bonds, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee from any of the Commercial Banks or payment online in an acceptable form, safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects.	The bid security may be accepted in the form of Insurance Surety Bonds, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee (including e- Bank Guarantee) from any of the Commercial Banks or payment online in an acceptable form, safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects.
171(i)	Performance Security may be furnished in the form of Insurance Surety Bonds, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt from a Commercial bank, Bank Guarantee from a Commercial bank or online payment in an acceptable form safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects.	Performance Security may be furnished in the form of Insurance Surety Bonds, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt from a Commercial bank, Bank Guarantee (including e- Bank Guarantee) from a Commercial bank or online payment in an acceptable form safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects.

2. This OM is also available on website of Department of Expenditure; www.doe.gov.in -> Notification -> Circular --> Procurement Policy OM. Hindi version of this OM will follow.

Kanwalpreet
05/08/2022
Kanwalpreet
Director (Procurement Policy)
Tel.: 23093811
Email: kanwal.irss@gov.in

To
Secretaries of All Central Government Ministries/ Departments

17

reducing overheads and costs. In view of the fact that this platform has the potential to be a game changer in the way bank guarantees are used in the country, I request the DFS to issue an advisory/letter to banks encouraging them to issue e-BG through NeSL. This will go a long way in faster roll out of eBG product and its adoption by all banks.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-

Encl: As above

Shri Sanjay Malhotra
Secretary,
Department of Financial Services,
Ministry of Finance,
Jiwan Deep Building, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi-110001.

CC to:

Shri Pankaj Sharma
Joint Secretary,
Department of Financial Services,
Ministry of Finance,
Jiwan Deep Building, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi-110001.



(E P NIVEDITA)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR