To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Mode of repayment of deposits under Section 269 T of the Income Tax Act.

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned has been directed to forward herewith a copy of notification issued by Ministry of Finance, vide letter I.D. No. 2/5/2000-NS-II dated December 27, 2005 on the above subject.

2. It is requested that the contents of this notification may be immediately circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.


Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

Copy to –

1. Director of Audit, P&T, Delhi
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10. PS to Member (D)
Subject: Mode of repayment of deposits under Section 269 T of the Income Tax Act.

Department of Posts may please refer to their I.D.No. 113-11/2003-SB, dated 6.7.2005 on the subject cited above. The matter has been examined in consultation with CBDT which have informed that in terms of provisions of section 269SS of the IT Act, a post office savings bank can accept any loan or deposit in cash in excess of Rs.20,000/- but, in terms of provisions of section 269T of the Income Tax Act, a post office savings bank cannot repay by way of cash any loan or deposit made with it, if the amount of such loan or deposit along with the interest, if any, payable thereon exceeds Rs.20,000/-. They have further intimated that the ceiling of repayment of loan or deposit upto Rs.20,000/- by way of cash under section 269T of the IT Act was provided in 2002 as against earlier ceiling of Rs.10,000/- applicable since 1981. There is no justification to enhance this limit to Rs.50,000/- just after a period of 3 years.

(P.C.Singh)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi


Sir/Madam,

The undersigned has been directed to forward herewith a bilingual printed copy of Ministry of Finance Notification No. G.S.R. 59(E) dated 10th February 2006 on the subject cited above.

2. It is requested that the contents of this notification may be immediately circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.


Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Manisha Mishta
ADG (BS&SC)

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ई. दिल्ली, 10 फरवरी, 2006
स. का. नि. 59(अ).—केन्द्रीय सरकार, सरकारी बांटा वैक आधारनियम, 1873 (1873 का 5) को ध्वार 15 द्वारा प्रतिष्ठित अधिकारियों का प्रशासन करते हुए, हाफ्कर (मासिक आय खाता) नियम, 1987 का और संशोधन करने के लिए निम्नलिखित नियम भावति है, अथवा—

1. (1) इन नियमों का संविधान नाम हाफ्कर (मासिक आय खाता) संशोधन नियम, 2006 है।

(2) उनके प्राप्तपुस्तक में प्रकाशित की तारीख को प्रत्युत होगी।

2. हाफ्कर (मासिक आय खाता) नियम, 1987 में—

"(क) नियम 9 के उपनियम (1) में निम्नलिखित परिवर्तन अंत:स्थापित किया जाएगा, अथवा—
""पर्यन्त 13 फरवरी, 2006 को या उसके पश्चात खाली गए खातों में की गई जमाओं पर कोई ब्योस संदर्भ नहीं किया जाएगा।"";

(ख) नियम 10 के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित नियम रखा जाएगा, अथवा—

"10. खातों का समय पूर्ण बंद किया जाना।—नियम 5 के उपनियम (2) में किसी बात के होते हुए भी, जमाकर्ता द्वारा इस बात का आवेदन किए जाने पर, उसे जमा बायर जाने और ऐसा खाता खोलने की तरीका से एक वर्ष की अवधि की समाप्ति के पश्चात् किसी समय इस वर्ष के अभिनव रहते हुए खाता बंद करने की अनुमति तो या सबकी किया

(i) पदि खाता ऐसे खाते के खोलने के तीन वर्ष की समाप्ति पर या उससे पहले बंद किया जाता है तो जमा के दो प्रतिशत के बराबर रकम को कटौती कर ली जाएंगी और शेष रकम उसे संदर्भ कर दी जाएंगी, और

(ii) पदि खाता ऐसे खाते के खोलने की तरीका से तीन वर्ष की समाप्ति के पश्चात् बंद किया जाता है तो जमा के एक प्रतिशत के बराबर रकम को कटौती कर ली जाएंगी और शेष रकम जमाकर्ता को संदर्भ कर दी जाएंगी।"

[पा. स. 2/2/2006-प्रतिलिपि-II]

सं. दी. सिं, अवर सचिव

टिप्पण : मूल नियम, भारत के राज्य में सं. स.का.नि. 701(अ), तारिख 10 अगस्त, 1987 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए थे और तदपि पुर्व उनमें निम्नलिखित द्वारा संशोधन कर दिए गए:—

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(Department of Economic Affairs)

NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 10th February, 2006

G.S.R. 59(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 of the Government Savings Banks Act, 1873 (5 of 1873), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Post Office (Monthly Income Account) Rules, 1987, namely:

1. (1) These rules may be called the Post Office (Monthly Income Account) Amendment Rules, 2006.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Post Office (Monthly Income Account) Rules, 1987,—

“(a) in rule 9, in sub-rule (1), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

“Provided that no bonus shall be paid on the deposits made in the accounts opened on or after the 13th day of February, 2006.”

(b) for rule 10, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:

“10. Premature closure of account.— Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (2) of rule 5, on an application made by the depositor in this regard, he may be permitted to withdraw the deposit and close the account any time after the expiry of a period of one year from the date of opening of such account, subject to the condition that:

(i) if the account is closed on or before expiry of three years of opening of such account, an amount equal to two per cent of the deposit shall be deducted and remainder paid to him, and

(ii) if the account is closed after expiry of three years from the date of opening of such account, an amount equal to one per cent, of the deposit shall be deducted and remainder paid to the depositor.”"

[F. No. 2/2006-NS. II]

P. C. SINGH, Under Secy.

To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme –2004-Clarification regarding

Sir/Madam,

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<td>1.</td>
<td>As per Rule 9 of Senior Citizen Savings Scheme-2004, Premature closure of account is permissible. It is requested to examine and clarify that in case of premature closure of SCSS account whether the interest is payable up to the quarter preceding the quarter in which account is closed or up to the month proceeding the month in which the account is prematurely closed or up to the date preceding the date of premature closure after deduction of one &amp; a half or 1% as the case may be.</td>
<td>As regards interest payable on premature closure of SCSS accounts, it is clarified that interest is payable up to the end of the month preceding the month in which the account is prematurely closed.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>As per Ministry of Finance notification dated 16th October 2003 issued vide G.S.R. 818 (E), a ‘table’ is given showing limits of each authority for sanctioning deceased claim cases under POSB General Rules, 1981. It is requested to kindly examine and clarify whether the said table shall also be applicable to Senior Citizen Savings Scheme for settlement of deceased claim cases under Rule 8(3) &amp; (4) of SCSS-2004. The clarification is being sought in the light of the fact that FORM-F in SCSS-2004 has been so</td>
<td>The view taken by the Department of Posts that Proviso below Rule 8 (4) of Senior Citizen Savings Scheme Rules 2004 is more liberal than the delegation for other small savings schemes is hereby confirmed.</td>
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designed to facilitate easy settlement, irrespective of the amount. It is different from other Savings Scheme, where various financial limits have been prescribed for settlement of claims.

2. It is requested that the contents of these notification and O.M. may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.


Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

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10. PS to Member (D)
To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS) -2004 - Nomination through Power of Attorney

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned has been directed to forward herewith a copy of clarification issued by Ministry of Finance, vide letter no. F. No. 1518/2005/ NS-II dated 2nd March 2006 on the above subject.

2. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

3. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

Encl: As above

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10. PS to Member (D)
No.F.15/8/2005/ NS-II
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(Budget Division)

New Delhi, the 2 Mar 2006.

To,

Shri P Loganathan
Assistant General Manager
Reserve Bank of India
Department of Government & Bank Accounts
Central Office
Opp. Mumbai Central Railway Station
Byculla, Mumbai-400 008.


Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No DGBA.CDD/15.15.091/H 7232/2005-06 dated 6th Dec 2005 on the above-mentioned subject. The matter has been considered in this Department in consultation with Ministry of Law and it is clarified that a person holding Power of Attorney cannot sign for the nominee in the Nomination Form.

Yours faithfully,

(P.C. SINGH)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy to: MS P Gopinath, DDG (FS),Department of Posts, Dak Bhawan, New Delhi:-

The issue raised was in case a nominee residing abroad gives a Power of Attorney for signing on his behalf in the Nomination Form, whether such Nomination Form signed by holder of Power of Attorney can be accepted.
To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme, 2004—clarification reg.

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned has been directed to forward herewith a copy of Corrigendum issued by Ministry of Finance, vide letter no. F. No. 2-8/2004-NS-II dated 08th December 2005 on the above subject, forwarded by the nodal ministry to the Department vide letter-dated 06.03.2006.

2. It is requested that the contents of this Corrigendum may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.


Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

Encl: As above

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9. Ministry of Finance (DEA) NS-II section, North Block, New Delhi
10. PS to Member (D)
SUBJECT: Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004 (SCSS)-clarification-reg.

The clarification issued by this office vide O.M. of even number dated the May 31, 2005 on how to calculate interest for broken period (less than a quarter) is hereby modified as under.

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2. A number of complaints have been received regarding delay in the crediting of interest on due dates under the Senior Citizens Scheme. It may be ensured that interest on deposit is credited/paid on due dates as the objective of the Scheme is to ensure regular flow of income to the depositors.

This issues with the approval of J.S.(Budget)

(C.A.BABY)
Accounts Officer.
Tele: 2309 4050

TO

1. The Department of Posts (Kind Attn: Mrs. P. Gopinath, DDG (FS))
   Dak Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110 001.
2. Shri Prabal Sen, Chief General Manager (DGBA) Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Mumbai.

Copy for information to:
Sh. Ashish Das, Professor, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi Centre, 7 Sansanwal Marg, New Delhi-110 016. w.r.t his letter dt. 20.7.2005
No.79-8/2004-FS (Vol. IV)
Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
(F.S. Division)

Date: 23.03.2006

To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS) -2004 – Clarification reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a clarification issued by Ministry of Finance, vide letter no. 15/8/2005/ NS-II dated 17th March 2006 regarding continuation of the account in the event of the death of the first holder of Senior Citizen Savings Account.

2. Ministry of Finance has clarified that in the event of the death of the first holder in Senior Citizen Savings Account, Rule 8 permits the 2nd holder (spouse), or when the spouse is the sole nominee the option to continue the account. In view of the same the 2nd holder (spouse) / or the sole nominee (spouse) shall be allowed to continue the account even when she does not meet the age criteria of 60 years as required under the rules.

3. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

4. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

Encl: As above

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To

Ms. Manisha Mishra,
ADG (BS&SC)
Department of Posts,
Dak Bhavan,
Sansad Marg,
New Delhi- 110 001.

Subject: - Senior Citizens Saving Scheme 2004- Clarification reg.- Case of Smt. M.Challamma,

Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 20.02.2006 received from Smt. M.Challamma W/o Late Sh. B.N.Muniswamy on the above mentioned subject and to say that the request of Smt. M.Challamma has been considered in this Department and the same has been agreed to as Rule 8 permits the 2nd holder (spouse), or when the spouse is the sole nominee, the option to continue the account in the event of the death of the first holder. To insist that the spouse should be 60 years of age to continue the account at the time of the death of the first holder will be against the spirit of the rules. It is therefore requested that the concerned Post Office may be advised to let Smt. M. Challamma W/o Late Sh. B.N.Muniswamy to continue her late husband’s account as desired by her.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

(P.C. Singh)

Copy for necessary action:
1. The Post Master, Milk Colony Post Office, Bangalore- 560 055
(Rajaji Nagar Head Post Office).
2. Smt. M.Challamma, W/o Late Sh. B.N.Muniswamy, C/o Sh. Brahmadeviah, No.1915, 10th Main, A Block, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560 010.
No.79-8/2004-FS (Vol. II)
Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
(F.S. Division)

Date: 30.03.2006

To,

All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS) -2004 – Issue relating to TDS - Clarification reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a clarification issued by Ministry of Finance vide letter no. 2-8/2004-NS-II dated 28th March 2006 on the subject cited above.

2. The undersigned has been directed to communicate further that while circulating the above clarification to all Post Offices the Postmaster should be directed that in case of non-deduction of Income Tax at source in the past, they should address the Senior Citizen Savings Scheme investor to pay tax as due for interest paid earlier.

3. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

4. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

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10. PS to Member (D)
Subject: Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004- Issues relating to TDS-clarification-reg.

Issues relating to TDS in respect of interest payable under the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme 2004 has been under correspondence with Department of Revenue, Central Board of Direct Taxes. Central Board of Direct Taxes has now clarified that, since interest payments under Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004 has not been exempted from deduction of tax at source, post offices and banks are required to deduct income-tax at source. It has further been clarified that the facility of furnishing Form No. 15H (prescribed under the Income-tax Rules, 1962) is available only to a person (payee) resident in India and who is of the age of 65 years or more at any time during the previous year as under Income-tax Act, a person who has attained 65 years or more at any time during the previous year only is treated as a Senior Citizen.

The above clarification issued by Central Board of Direct Taxes may be taken into account while making interest payments under the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme 2004.

(Anuradha Prasad)
Director (Budget)

To
1. Sh. B.B. Sagma, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Department of Govt. & Bank Accounts, Central Office, Opp. Mumbai Central Railway Station, Byculla, Bombay-400 008.
2. Ms. P. Gopinath, Deputy Director General (FS), Department of Posts, Dak Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110 001.
To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS) -2004 – Amendment reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a notification issued by Ministry of Finance, vide letter no. 2-8/2004/ NS-II dated 23rd March 2006 regarding transfer of account from one deposit office to another.

2. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

3. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

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[TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF INDIA: EXTRAORDINARY, PART II – Sec.3(1)]

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(Department of Economic Affairs).

NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 31st March, 2006

GSR........(E): In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Government Savings Banks Act, 1873 (5 of 1873), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to further amend the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Rules 2004, namely:

1. (1) These rules may be called the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (Amendment) Rules, 2006.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Rules, 2004, For rule 11, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"11 Transfer of account from one deposit office to another:– A depositor may apply in FORM-G, enclosing the pass book thereto, for transfer of his account from one deposit office to another:

Provided that where the deposit is rupees one lakh or above, a transfer fee of rupees five per lakh of deposit for the first transfer and rupees ten per lakh of deposit for the second and subsequent transfers shall be payable”.

[F. No.2-6/2004-NS-II]

(F. C. SINGH)
Under Secretary to Government of India

Note:- The Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Rules, 2004 were published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) vide notification number G.S.R. 490(E) dated 2nd August, 2004 and subsequently amended vide G.S.R706(E) dated 27th October, 2004.
No.79-8/2004-FS (Vol. II)
Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
(F.S. Division)

Date: 26.04.2006

To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Amendment to Senior Citizen Savings Scheme Rules, 2004 – Reg.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of SB Order No. 8/2006 dtd. 31.03.2006 the undersigned has been directed to forward herewith Gazette notification G.S.R. 176(E) issued by Ministry of Finance on the subject above.

2. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

3. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(Department of Economic Affairs)
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 23rd March, 2006

G.S.R. 176(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 of the Government Savings Banks Act, 1873 (5 of 1873), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to further amend the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Rules 2004, namely:

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2. In the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Rules, 2004, for rule 11, the following shall be substituted, namely:

   “11. Transfer of account from one deposit office to another:— A depositor may apply in Form-G, enclosing the pass-book thereto, for transfer of his account from one deposit office to another:
   Provided that where the deposit is rupees one lakh or above, a transfer fee of rupees five per lakh of deposit for the first transfer and rupees ten per lakh of deposit for the second and subsequent transfers shall be payable’.

   [F. No. 2–8/2004–NS-II]
   P. C. SINGH, Under Secy.

Note:—The Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Rules, 2004 were published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) vide notification number G.S.R. 490(E), dated 2nd August, 2004 and subsequently amended vide No. G.S.R. 706(E) dated 27th October, 2004.
F. No. 54-1/2003-SB
Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
(F.S. Division)

Date: 22.05.2006

To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Transfer of account from 1 Post Office to another reg.

Sir/Madam,

A number of complaints are being received where transfer of accounts from one Post Office to another is unnecessarily delayed. Time norms regarding the same has already been prescribed vide SB Order No. 11/2005 dated 06.07.2005. The same is being reiterated below:-

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2. In number of transfer cases the passbooks of the customers are not delivered back to the customers as per the rules. It is again reiterated that after the transfer of account the passbook should be returned to the depositor direct by registered post at the address given in the application for transfer and the registered receipt got pasted to the office copy of the advice of transfer.

3. Heads of Circles are requested to get the above enforced strictly by issuing necessary instructions to all Post Offices under their jurisdiction.

4. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Manisha Mitra)
ADG (BS&SC)
Copy to –

1. Director of Audit, P&T, Delhi
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To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Separation of Account Withdrawal and Account Closure Form reg.

Sir/Madam,

At present application for SB withdrawal and closure is identical and this gives the agents an opportunity to get the application form signed by the depositor for withdrawal especially in MIS and Senior Citizen Savings Scheme Account and later on fraudulently closing the account without the knowledge of depositor by filling the principal amount instead of the monthly or quarterly interest. This has been observed in a number of MIS fraud cases recently committed by agents who had earned the goodwill of customers and were misusing the same.

2. In view of above, a separate form of closure (SB-7A) as distinct from the SB withdrawal form (SB-7) is being introduced with effect from 01.06.2006 to minimize the chances of frauds by agents. Copies of modified withdrawal form (SB-7) and SB Closure form (SB-7A) is enclosed with this OM. This change will come into effect from 01.06.2006 and be brought to the notice of all concerned in your Circle.

3. Heads of Circles are requested to make preparation accordingly to print the new closure forms and revised withdrawal forms and issue necessary instructions to all concerned for information guidance and necessary action so that this change can be brought into effect from the above date. While inspecting Post Offices it may be checked that the new system is implemented.

4. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
(Manisha Mishra)
ADG (BS&SC)
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WITHDRAWAL FORM
PASS BOOK MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM

/Name of Post Office ____________________________

/Account No. ____________________________ /Date ____________________________

/Nature of withdrawal (Please Tick)

Interest
Loan
Advance
Any other (Please specify)

/Pay self/messenger whose signature is given below

the sum of Rs. ____________________________ (in figures)
____________________________ (in words)

Balance after withdrawal Rs. ____________________________ (in figures)

/Name of Messenger ____________________________

/Signature of Messenger ____________________________

/Signature or thumb impression of depositor

Payment Order

Pay Rs. ____________________________

(in words)

Date-Stamp

/Signature of Postmaster

(Acquittance)

Received Rs. ____________________________

Signature
PASS BOOK MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM

/Name of Post Office

/Account No. /Date

Payment on account of Closure of Account No.
Interest Rs. and deposit Rs. totalling to Rs.......
(Rupees.......
) is sanctioned in favour of the depositor.
Recovery of overpaid interest Rs. and Other Charges (to be specified)
(Rupees.......
) has been adjusted.
NET AMOUNT PAID Rs. 
(Rupees.......
)

/Name of Messenger

Signature of Messenger

Signature or thumb impression of depositor

Signature of Postmaster

Date-Stamp

Acquittance

Received Rs. 

Signature

Date
Sub: Numbering of unlisted schedules (ASLAAS-6) by Agents in Post Office 5 year RD accounts reg.

Sir/Madam,

In all Post Offices a number of RD Agents are attached and they make deposits by giving schedules of RD payments received from RD account holders (ASLAAS-6). Every agent may give several lists in a month. If a list is not brought into account and not kept on record, it may go undetected especially in single-handed Post Offices. This may lead to massive frauds. In view of above, a proposal on the subject above was taken up with Ministry of Finance and the same has been approved. The same is detailed in para 2 below.

2. For Financial Year 2006-07 from 1st June, 2006 ASLAAS-6 will be serially numbered by the Agent under his / her signature. The numbering of ASLAAS-6 schedules will be X/Y/L. While X and Y will represent the month and serial number of the schedule, L would represent the last schedule submitted in a month. Once the letter L is used on a schedule, it would mean that the agent would submit no more schedules in a particular month. This procedure will enable the inspecting officer to find out if there is any discrepancy in the serial number or any missing serially numbered list, which will alert the officer, and investigations can be made. From FY 2007-08 onwards the ASLAAS-6 will be serially numbered from 1st April 2007.

3. Heads of Circles are requested to make necessary preparation and issue instructions to all concerned for information and guidance so that this change can be brought into effect from the above date. While inspecting Post Offices, it may be checked that the new system is implemented.

4. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)
Copy to –

Ministry of Communications & IT

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10. PS to Member (D)

Subject: Recognition of trailing service (ASA-I/ASA-II) with Ministry of Finance and the same has been absorbed. The case is to be disposed of as early as possible.

Further to Office Circular No. 2000-01-10. From 1st July 2000, ASA-I/ASA-II will be separately numbered. The number will be A3 for 32, 33 and 34, and A2 for 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39. The A2/A3 numbers will be inserted into the office name as per the letter 'A' in the cover of the letter. This will ensure that the proper number is correctly inserted in the broad details. The Office will keep a record of the annual number of such cases and will report the same to the concerned Director or Head of the Office for taking action as per instructions. Any cases of doubt may be referred to the Director or Head of the Office for taking appropriate action.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Designation]
No.110-1/2006-FS

Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts

Dak Bhavan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi - 110 001
Date: 12.6.2006

To

Principal CPMGs/CPMGs
All Postal Circles


Sir,

I am directed to refer to DO of even number dated 11.2.2006 (along with Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs notification no.2/2/2006-NS.II dated 10.2.2006) regarding the amendments incorporated in the Post Office (Monthly Income Accounts) Rules, 1987 and to state that many circles have sought for clarifications in respect of the said amendments. Therefore, the clarifications sought on various aspects are furnished in the succeeding paras.

2. Prior to 10.2.2006, Rule 9(1) of the said rules regarding closure of accounts read as under:

"The deposit made at the time of opening of account shall be paid by the post office at which the account stands to depositor on or after expiry of six years from the date of the opening the account along with bonus equal to 10 percent of the amount deposited on production of the pass book accompanied by a written application (withdrawal form)."

3. Now on the basis of amendment made to the rules on 10.2.2006, a proviso shall be inserted below the said rule. The proviso inserted reads as under:
“Provided that no bonus shall be paid on the deposits made in the accounts opened on or after the 13th day of February, 2006.”

4. In view of insertion of this proviso the position that emerges is that:
   
a) No bonus is admissible to the accounts opened on or after 13.2.2006;

b) Bonus will, however, be admissible in respect of the accounts opened till 11.2.2006. (12.2.2006 being a Sunday, the effective date will be 11.2.2006);

5. Prior to 10.2.2006, Rule 10 of the said rules regarding closure of accounts read as under:

   “10. Premature closure of account: Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (2) of rule 5, on an application made by the depositor in this regard, he may be permitted to withdraw the deposit and close the account any time after expiry of a period of one year from the date of opening of such account, subject to the condition that an amount equal to 3.50 per cent of the deposit shall be deducted and remainder paid to him. Provided that no such deduction shall be made if the account is closed after expiry of three years from the date of opening of such account.”

6. Now on the basis of amendment made to the rules on 10.2.2006, the above mentioned text of Rule 10 has been substituted by the following text:

   “10. Premature closure of account: Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (2) of rule 5, on an application made by the depositor in this regard, he may be permitted to withdraw the deposit and close the account any time after expiry of a period of one year from the date of opening of such account, subject to the condition that:

   i. If the account is closed on or before expiry of three years of opening of such account, an amount equal to two per cent of the deposit shall be deducted and remainder paid to him, and
   ii. If the account is closed after expiry of three years from the date of opening of such account, an amount equal to one per cent of the deposit shall be deducted and remainder paid to the depositor.”

7. In view of this substitution of the text of Rule 10, the position that now emerges is that:
a) This provision will be applicable to all the accounts closed on or after 10.2.2006, as the notification is issued on 10.2.2006;

b) As per the earlier provisions, the account could not be closed before expiry of one year from the date of opening. On the basis of the new provisions also the account cannot be closed before expiry of one year from the date of opening;

c) As per the earlier provisions, if the account is closed after expiry of one year from the date of opening but before three years, then amount of deduction was 3.5% (three and half percent) of the amount of deposit. As per the new provisions, this amount of deduction will be 2% (two percent) of the amount of deposit;

d) As per the earlier provisions, if the account is closed after expiry of three years from the date of opening, there was to be no deduction. However, as per the new provisions, if the account is closed after expiry of three years from the date of opening, deduction at the rate of 1% of the amount of deposit shall be made.

8. While the provisions indicated in Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs notification no.2/2/2006-NS.II dated 10.2.2006 sent along with DO of even number dated 11.2.2006 is very clear and there was no need for any clarification, the above clarification are being provided as certain queries have been made by some circles.

Yours faithfully,

(P. C. Pratihari)
Assistant Director General (NSD)
Tel. No. 011-23036336
To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

No.25-4/2006-FS
Govemment of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
(F.S. Division)

Date: 19.06.2006

Subject:- Compliance of Service Tax regarding

Sir/Madam,

Government of India has made Service tax applicable on Department of Posts w.e.f. 18.04.2006. Service tax @ 12% and 2% education cess on service tax charged has to be deducted by the Government Departments. Postal services covered by Service tax have been classified by under 5 main categories and Postmasters will be required to get themselves registered under these five categories and deduct service tax accordingly. ‘Banking and Financial services’ is one of the 5 main categories identified for Service tax. Under this category service tax will be levied on Silent account charges of POSB and Money Order service. In this regard the detailed instructions issued by DDG (PAF) vide letter no. PA/BOOK-I/06-07 dated 02.06.2006 on the subject of compliance of Service tax refers.

1. Under Banking operations, service charge of Rs. 20/- is being deducted from silent SB accounts on the last working day of each financial year. This will be covered under Service tax. The Post Office would be required to deduct Rs. 20/- (Service charge) + Service tax @ 12% and 2% education cess on service tax i.e. 12.24% from the POSB silent accounts on 31st March 2007.

2. On the Money Order service, including iMO service, the Department has to charge Service tax at 12% on the commission and 2% on Service tax as education cess. The quarterly interest under SCSS-2004 is being paid to the depositor as one of the options through MO service of the Department on payment of MO commission by the depositor. Hence, the Post office would be required to deduct Service tax @ 12% on the MO commission and 2% on service tax as education cess i.e. 12.24% while paying the quarterly interest to Senior Citizens from this quarter i.e. April – June 2006 onwards.

3. The Postmasters will maintain separate registers for Service tax and education cess received on Money Orders and Banking Operations. As per PA Wing of the Directorate, collections made by the Department on account of deduction of service tax + education cess on the above two items will have to be booked under following head:

   Head: 044-00-143-01-Tax collections
          044-00-143-02-Other Receipts

4. It is requested that the contents of these O.M. may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)
To,

Shri S.K. Mishra,
Deputy Director General (PAF)
Dak Bhawan,
New Delhi 110 001

Sir,

Subject: Rajya Sabha provisional starred questions Dy S601 and S636 on services provided by Dept of Posts

Please refer to your letter DO No PA/BK/1/Service Tax/2006 dated 19/7/2006 and the telephonic conversation with the undersigned on the above subject.

As discussed over phone, the material to prepare reply to the above questions is given below:

- Circular no.83/1/2006-ST dated 04.07.06 has already been issued clarifying that services such as money order, postal order, operation of savings accounts provided by Department of Posts are not leviable to Service Tax under banking and other financial services defined under section 65(105)(zm) read with section 65(12) of the Finance Act, 1994. Copy of the circular is enclosed.

- The request of the postal department to exempt from service tax all the taxable services being provided by them is under examination.

This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (TRU-II).
F.NO.354/59/2006-TRU
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Tax Research Unit

Circular No. 83/1/2006-ST

To,

Chief Commissioners / Director General (All),
Commissioners of Central Excise & Service Tax (All).

Sub: Levy of service tax on banking and financial services – Services provided by Department of Posts - Reg.

I am directed to say that the scope of levy of service tax on “banking and other financial services” defined under section 65(12) of the Finance Act, 1994 and classifiable as taxable service under section 65(105)(zm) of the Finance Act, 1994 has been examined in the context of certain services provided by the Department of Posts.

2. The issue is whether or not services such as money orders, operation of bank accounts, issue of postal orders provided by Department of Posts are liable to service tax under section 65(12) read with section 65(105)(zm) of the Finance Act, 1994, as amended.

3. Banking and other financial services are defined under section 65(12). Such services provided to a customer by a banking company or a financial institution including a non-banking financial company or any other body corporate or any other person to a customer are liable to service tax under section 65(105)(zm). The expression ‘any other person’ appearing in section 65(105)(zm) is to be read ejusdem generis with the preceding words. The expression ‘other financial services’ appearing under section 65(12)(a)(ix) is a residuary entry and includes those services which are normally rendered by banks or financial institutions.
4. Hence, banking and other financial services provided by a banking company or a financial institution or a non-banking financial company or any other service provider similar to a bank or a financial institution are liable to service tax under section 65(105)(zm) of the Finance Act, 1994. Department of Posts is not similar to a bank or a financial institution and hence does not fall within the category of any other similar service provider.

5. In view of the foregoing, it is clarified that services such as transfer of money through money orders, operation of savings accounts, issue of postal orders provided by the Department of Posts are not liable to service tax under section 65(105)(zm) read with section 65(12) of the Finance Act, 1994.

6. Field formations may be suitably informed.

7. Trade notice may be issued for information of the trade.

8. The receipt of this circular may kindly be acknowledged.

9. Hindi version will follow.

F. NO. 354/59/2006-TRU

R. Sriram
Deputy Secretary to the Govt of India
To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS) -2004 – Issue relating to TDS - Clarification reg.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation with SB Order No. 7/2006 the undersigned has been directed to forward herewith a copy of Ministry of Finance letter no. 2/8/2004/NS-II dated the 6th June 2006 regarding admissibility of TDS on interest payable under the Senior Citizen Savings Scheme.

2. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

3. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

Encl: As above

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9. Ministry of Finance (DEA) NS-II section, North Block, New Delhi
10. PS to Member (D)
Subject: Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004-Issues relating to TDS-clarification-reg

The issue relating to admissibility of TDS on interest payable under the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme was clarified vide this Department’s letter of even number dated 28th March, 2006. Reserve Bank of India and Department of Posts had sought further clarifications on this issue. The clarifications sought for and obtained from Department of Revenue, Central Board of Direct Taxes on the subject, are as under.

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<td>TDS is to be made if the interest paid or payable exceeds Rs.5000/- during the financial year. TDS shall be made from the entire amount payable if it exceeds Rs.5000/- For example, if the interest paid/payable in a financial year is Rs.4000/-, no TDS shall be made. However, if the amount is Rs.25000/-, TDS shall be made at the prescribed rate on the entire amount of Rs.25000/- and not Rs.20000/-.</td>
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| 2. What will be the rate at which TDS should be recovered/deducted from the account holder? | The rate for TDS for a financial year is specified in Part II of Schedule I of Finance Act for that year. The prescribed rates for the financial year 2006-07 are as under. In the case of a person other than a company
   a. Person is resident of India- 10%
   b. Others -20%
   The amount so deductible shall be enhanced by surcharge calculated as per the following rate
   In the case of Individual, HUF, Association of Person and body of individuals – 10% if the interest paid/payable exceeds Rs.1000000/-
   The amount of “TDS+ Surcharge” shall be further enhanced by 2% of “TDS+Surcharge” on account of education cess. |
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<td>TDS shall be made even from any interest paid/payable to the legal heir of the account holder.</td>
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<td>4. Whether TDS on interest payments will be applicable with retrospective or prospective basis?</td>
<td>The Question is not clear. However, it may be stated that TDS would be applicable from the very first day the SCS scheme was made operational, regardless of the fact the Central Government or RBI or any authority issued any circular/Notifications/Clarifications at a later stage. In case where the bank (or the Post office) does not deduct tax, which was deductible as per the provisions of the IT Act, the bank/Post office may be treated as an assessee in default for the amount not deducted and the same may be recovered from the bank/post office along with interest, apart from other consequences, as per the provisions of section 201 of IT Act.</td>
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The above clarifications issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes may be taken in to account while making interest payments under the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004.

(P.C.Singh)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To,

1. Sh. B.B.Sangma, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Department of Govt.& Bank Accounts, Central Office, Opp Mumbai Central Railway Station, Byneulla, Bombay-400 008.
2. Ms. P. Gopinath, Deputy Director General (FS) Department of Posts, Dak Bhavan Sansad Marg, New Delhi- 110 001.
3. Sh. Anil Battacharya, Joint National Savings Commissioner, National Savings Institute, 4th Floor, Seminary Hills, Nagpur-440 006.-with the request to circulate to all RDs of NSI.
To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS) -2004 – Issue relating to TDS - Clarification reg.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation with SB Order No. 7/2006 dated 30.03.2006 and SB Order No. 14/2006 dated 09.06.2006 the undersigned has been directed to forward herewith a copy of Ministry of Finance letter no. 2/8/2005/NS-II dated the 23rd June 2006 regarding admissibility of TDS on interest payable under the Senior Citizen Savings Scheme.

2. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

3. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

Encl: As above

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10. PS to Member (D)
Office Memorandum

Subject: Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004 — Issues relating to TDS—Clarifications regarding—

New Delhi, the 23rd June, 2006

The following clarifications received from the Central Board of Direct Taxes on issues relating to Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) on interest payable on deposits under the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004 is hereby circulated for information and necessary action:

i) An individual resident in India of 65 years of age or above may furnish a declaration in Form No.15-H to the Bank/Post Office if the tax on the estimated income for the financial year is nil.

ii) A declaration in Form No.15-G can be furnished by a depositor of less than 65 years of age, if—

   a) the tax on the estimated total income for the financial year is nil, and
   b) the aggregate amount of interest credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the financial year is not more than the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax (Rs.1,00,000/- for male tax payers and Rs.1,35,000/- for female tax payers).

   *Note:* Both the above conditions are required to be fulfilled. The information relating to deposits under the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004 may be given by the depositors in Schedule III of Form No.15-G.

iii) In suitable cases, a certificate for lower deduction or no deduction of tax at source under Section 197(1) may also be obtained by the depositors from their assessing officers.

iv) On furnishing of a declaration in Form 15-H or Form 15-G to the Bank/Post Office, no deduction of tax shall be made by the Bank/Post Office. In a case where a certificate under Section 197(1) from the Assessing Officer is furnished to them, the Banks/Post Offices shall not
deduct tax at source or, as the case may be, deduct at a lower rate as specified in the certificate.

v) In case of such tax as was not deducted by Banks/Post Offices for the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06, it is clarified that such portion of the tax not so deducted by Banks/Post Offices, which has been paid directly by the depositors as advance tax or self-assessment tax or otherwise and for which necessary evidence is furnished by the depositors to the Bank/Post Office, such tax will not be recovered by the Income Tax Department from the Banks/Post Offices. Similarly, to the extent of the amount for which declarations in Forms 15-H and 15-G as well as certificates under Section 197(1) are available with the Banks/Post Offices, the Income Tax Department would not make recovery from the Banks/Post Offices.

(P.C. Singh)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To

1. Sh. B.B. Sangma, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Department of Govt. & Banks Account, Central Office, Opp. Mumbai Central Railway Station, Byculla, Bombay 400 008.
2. Mrs. P. Gopinath, Dy. Director General (FS), D/o Posts, Dak Bhawan, ND.
3. Sh. Anil Bhattacharya, Jt. NSC, National Savings Institute, Nagpur with the request to circulate to all RDs of NSI.
No.110-1/2006-FS  
Government of India  
Ministry of Communications & IT  
Department of Posts  
(F.S. Division)

Date: 28.08.2006

To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Subject:- Postal Monthly Account Scheme – Premature withdrawal of Deposits – Clarification – reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a notification issued by Ministry of Finance, vide letter no. 2/11/2005/NS-II dated 23rd August 2006 on the subject above.

2. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

3. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra  
ADG (BS&SC)

Encl: As above

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F.No.2/11/2005/NS-II
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
(Budget Division)

New Delhi, Dated 25 August 2006

To

Sh.A.K. Padmanabha Setty
No. 104, 7th Main, 4th Cross,
(Wilson Garden),
Bangalore- 560 030.

Subject: Postal Monthly Account Scheme- Premature withdrawal of Deposits-Clarification-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 19.7.2006 addressed to the Hon'ble Finance Minister on the above subject and to clarify that as per clause (b) of G.O.I Notification No. GSR 59 (E), dated 10.2.2006, deduction of one per cent of deposit on pre-mature closure of account after expiry of three years from the date of opening of account is applicable on all existing accounts as well as those accounts which are opened on or after the date of the Notification i.e., 10.2.2006.

Yours faithfully,

(P.C.Singh)

Under Secretary to the Govt.of India.

Copy for information to:

1. Ms. Manisha Mishra, ADG (BS&SC), Department of Posts, Dak Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110 001.
2. Jt. National Savings Commissioner, National Savings Institute, 4th Floor, C.G.O Complex, Seminary Hills, Nagpur-440006
To  
All Heads of Circles/Regions  
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject:- Opening of SB account by Cheque and deposit in multiple accounts through one cheque.

Sir/Madam,

While scrutinizing many cases of SB Public Grievances in the F.S.Division of the Directorate, it has been observed that in many post offices SB accounts are still being opened by cheque which is against the spirit of instructions issued vide this office letter No. 35-38/88-SB dated 22.12.1989 vide which it was informed that from 1.1.1990 a SB account can only be opened by cash.

2. It has also been observed that single cheque is also being accepted for deposit in multiple accounts. This is against the POSB Rules. One cheque along with pay-in-slip can only be accepted for deposit in one account.

3. The above irregularities are leading to committing fraud by mischievous persons resulting in embarrassment to the department.

4. Heads of Circles are requested to enforce the implementation of these instructions strictly by issuing necessary instructions to all Post Offices under their jurisdiction and stern action should be taken for violation of the same. All inspecting officers should also be instructed to closely monitor implementation of these instructions while visiting post offices.

5. This issues with the approval of DDG(FS)

6. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Kawal Jit Singh)  
ASP(SBPG)
SB ORDER NO. 18/2006

F. No. SBPG/Misc-2/2006
Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
(FS Division)

31.8.2006

To
All Heads of Circles/Regions
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject:- Settlement of deceased claim cases by making payment to the claimant who produced succession certificate by ignoring claim of nominee.

Sir/Madam,

While handling SB Public Grievances in the F.S.Division of the Directorate, it has been observed that in some cases where the nomination has been registered and valid, the payment was made to the claimant who produced succession certificate from court of law.

2. Kindly refer to this office letter No. 105-26/93-SB dated 5.8.1994 vide which clarification regarding payment in the case of deceased depositors of the Savings Accounts/Savings Certificates on the basis of nomination or Succession certificate was issued.

3. It is reiterated that the post office is required to give preference to the nominee over all other persons staking claims on the amount while settling deceased claims relating to Saving Accounts/Saving Certificates, where nomination exists and such payment to the nominee absolves the post office from all future liability in respect of deposits.

3. Heads of Circles are requested to enforce the implementation of the instructions issued vide this office letter No. 105-26/93-SB dated 5.8.1994 strictly by issuing necessary instructions to all Post Offices under their jurisdiction and stern action should be taken for violation of the same. All inspecting officers should also be instructed to closely monitor implementation of these instructions while visiting/inspecting post offices.

4. This issues with the approval of DDG(FS)

4. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Kawaljit Singh)
ASP(SBPG)
To
All Heads of Circles/Regions
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject: Amendment to Rule 26 of POSB Manual Vol-I.

Sir/Madam,

While handling SB Public Grievances in the F.S.Division of the Directorate, it has been observed that in some cases where the cheque is issued in the name of Postmaster for opening of a particular kind of account in the name of a person, the cheque is misused for opening of another type of account in the name of either same or another person thereby amount is misappropriated. To safeguard the public money being misappropriated, it has been decided that all cheques presented for opening of any type of account, should bear endorsement on its back showing the category of account to be opened and name of depositor in whose name it is to be opened. For this purpose, it has been decided to add a separate clause to Rule 26 of POSB Manual Vol-I which will be read as under:-

Rule 26  (a) (ii) The cheque should be drawn in favour of either the Postmaster to whom the application (SB-3) is presented or the depositor. If the cheque is drawn in favour of the Postmaster by the depositor or by a person other than the depositor, it must be endorsed on its back as, "For opening of ........... account in the name of ..................................(Signature of drawer)." In case the cheque is drawn in favour of depositor, it must be endorsed by the depositor for payment to Postmaster ...................................PO for opening of ...................account in the name of ..................................(Signature of depositor)."

2. This order will take effect from 15.9.2006.

3. Heads of Circles/regions are requested to circulate this amendment immediately and strictly ensure its implementation by issuing necessary instructions to all Post Offices under their jurisdiction. All inspecting officers should also be instructed to closely monitor implementation of this amendment while visiting/inspecting post offices.

4. This issues with the approval of Member (D)

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Kawaljit Singh)
ASP(SBPG)
To
All Heads of Circles/Regions
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject: Addition to Rule 11(3) of POSB Manual Vol-II.

Sir/Madam,

While handling SB Public Grievances in the F.S.Division of the Directorate, it has been observed that in some cases where the cheque is issued in the name of Postmaster for purchase of a particular kind of certificates in the name of a person, the cheque is misused for purchase of another type of certificates in the name of either same or another person thereby amount is misappropriated. To safeguard the public money being misappropriated, it has been decided that all cheques presented for purchase of any type of certificates, should bear endorsement on its back showing the kind of certificates to be purchased and name of applicant in whose name it is to be purchased. For this purpose, it has been decided to substitute para two to Rule 11(3) of POSB Manual Vol-II which will be read as under:-

Rule 11(3) Para two:- “If the cheque is drawn in favour of the Postmaster by the applicant, it must be endorsed on its back as,” For issue of ................ certificates in the name of ..................(Signature of drawer).” In case the cheque is drawn in favour of the applicant, it must be endorsed by the applicant for payment to Postmaster on its back as,” Pay to Postmaster..........................PO for issue of ................ certificates in the name of ..................(Signature of applicant).”

2. This order will take effect from 15.9.2006.

3. Heads of Circles/regions are requested to circulate this amendment immediately and strictly ensure its implementation by issuing necessary instructions to all Post Offices under their jurisdiction. All inspecting officers should also be instructed to closely monitor implementation of this amendment while visiting/inspecting post offices.

4. This issues with the approval of Member (D)

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Kawal Jt. Singh)
ASP(SBPG)
No.79-8/2004-FS (Vol. II Pt)
Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
(F.S. Division)

Date: 18.09.2006

To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Sub: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS) –2004 Exit Option Scheme of State Bank of India – Eligibility of Exit Optees

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a copy of Ministry of Finance letter no. F.15/8/2005/NS-II dated 03.07.2006 on the subject above.

1. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

2. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

Encl: As above

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No.F.15/8/2005/NS-H
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(Budget Division)

New Delhi, 3 July 2006.

To,

General Manager
State Bank of India
Personal Management Department
Corporate Centre
State Bank Bhawan
Madame Cama Road
Mumbai-400 021.

Sub: Senior Citizens Savings scheme-2004 Exit Option Scheme of State Bank of India-Eligibility of Exit Optees

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. CDO/PM/1437-A/SPL/327 dated 19th June 2006 on the above subject. This department confirm the view of SBI that officers retired under the Exit Option Scheme and who have attained the age of 55 years, but are less than 60 years, and who are getting pension from the Bank can be permitted to invest their terminal benefits in SCSS-2004 according to GOI Ministry of Finance Notification dated 27th Oct 2004.

Yours faithfully,

(P.C. Singh)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy for confirmation: Shri A.P. Juvekar, B-43/5, SBI Staff Residential Complex, Plot No 1 & 2, Sector 13, Nerul, Navi Mumbai-400 705.
2. Shri B.K. Satapathy 35, Laxmi Vihar P.O. Sanik School, Bhubaneswar-751005 Orissa - w.r.t his letter dated 27th Jun 2006

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SB ORDER NO. 22/2006
F. No. SBPG/Misc-4/2006
Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
(FS Division)

20.9.2006

Corrigendum to SB Order No.20/2006

To
All Heads of Circles/Regions
Directors of all PTCs/Staff College Ghaziabad
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject:- Addition to Rule 11(3) of POSB Manual Vol-II.- corrigendum regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this office letter of even number dated 4.9.2006 and to inform that the addition to Rule 11(3) of POSB Manual Vol-II. may be revised and now read as under:-

Rule 11(3) Para two:- “The cheque drawn in favour of the Postmaster by the applicant must be endorsed on its back as,” For issue of..................certificates in the name of ...

(Signature of drawer).”

2. This order will take effect from 30.9.2006.

3. Heads of Circles/regions are requested to circulate this amendment immediately and strictly ensure its implementation by issuing necessary instructions to all Post Offices under their jurisdiction. All inspecting officers should also be instructed to closely monitor implementation of this amendment while visiting/inspecting post offices.

4. This issues with the approval of Member (D)

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Kawal Jit Singh)
ASP(SBPG)
TO: All Heads of College/Region

CC: Directors of the McBurney College Office

Subject:

Regarding

Attachment to Rule 1(2) of POSH Manual Vol-III - Congregation

I am pleased to inform you that the attachment to Rule 1(2) of POSH Manual Vol-III is now available for review.

The attachment is "The objective given in favour of the Rule 1(2)

This order will come into effect from 30.6.2006.

In view of the above, it is requested to ensure the immediate

necessary action to implement these instructions and update the

records accordingly. The above-mentioned instructions will be

included in the next edition of the POSH Manual Vol-III.

Yours faithfully,

(Vice-Provost)
To,
All Heads of Circles/Regions,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Subject:- Revision of format of Account Withdrawal (SB-7) and Account Closure (SB-7A) Form reg.

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation of SB Order No. 11/2006 dated 25.05.2006.

2. A partial modification has been made in both the forms i.e. SB-7 and SB-7A. The revised formats of both the forms are being enclosed for information, guidance and necessary action.

3. It is requested that the contents of this SB Order may be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

4. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Manisha Mishra
ADG (BS&SC)

Encl: As above

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# ACCOUNT CLOSURE FORM (SB-7A)

**PASSBOOK MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM**

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To
All Heads of Circles/Regions
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject: Extension of post dated cheque facility to Senior Citizens Saving Scheme, 2004.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to this office letter No. 110-18/2002-SB dated 5.6.2006 on the subject cited above. The following amendments may be made in the said circular:-

1. **Salient features of the Scheme**
   In para 3(3) the sentence "each cheque will have a validity period of three months from the due date of payment" may be substituted by the following:
   "each cheque will be valid for the period of three months after the month of issue."

2. **Operating procedure**
   The item 9 and 10 may be substituted by the following as there is some confusion in these items:-
   (9) The Head Office and Sub Post Office will maintain a record of PDCs issued on each quarter in a separate register at Annexure-I and will make corresponding entries in the concerned ledgers. A record of cheque number and amount will be noted in the 'Remarks' column of the ledger card of the account holder and in Column No. 8 of Register of PDCs issued.
   (10) In Head Office in the Register of PDCs issued, a separate page in the register will be allotted to each depositor. Separate Registers will be maintained for HO accounts and SO accounts. In each register, certain pages equivalent to entry for 5+3 years of PDCs be retained for each account holder. Both HO and SO Post Dated Cheque Registers are required to be maintained in an alphabetical order, name wise. An entry of the cheques issued will be made in this register and in the remarks column of the SCSS ledger card of the depositor.

3. It is requested that the above changes in the circular cited above may kindly be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Kamaljit Singh)
ASP(SBPG)

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SB ORDER NO. 25/2006
F. No. 79-8/2004-FS (Vol-V)
Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
(FS Division)

31.10.2006

To
All Heads of Circles/Regions
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject:- Payment of quarterly interest of Sr. citizen Saving Scheme(SCSS) to the depositors through money order service of the department.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to this office letter of even number dated 21.11.2005 (SB order No. 21/2005) on the subject cited above. Item No. (viii) and (ix) of the operating procedure laid down may be substituted as per the following :-

(viii). The postal assistant will get the MO booked and paste the MO receipt with the withdrawal form.

(ix) The MO acknowledgment when received after payment will be attached with the withdrawal form concerned kept in the SBCO.

2. It is requested that the above changes in the circular cited above may kindly be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Kawal Jit Singh)
ASPSBPG)

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To
All Heads of Circles/Regions
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject:- Post office Monthly Income Accounts Rules 1987-
Simplification of Procedure.

Sir/Madam,
Kindly refer to this office letter of even number dated 7.1.2003
(SB Order No. 2/2003) on the subject cited above.

2. In the Annexure to the said letter containing operating procedure for
monthly payment through post dated cheques, the following changes may be
made in item no. (i):

The sentence “Each cheque will have a validity period of three months
from the date of maturity” appearing at the end of this item may be
substituted as “Each cheque will be valid for a period of three months
after the month of issue”. This is as per provisions contained in Rule 179

3. It is requested that the above changes in the circular cited above may
kindly be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and
necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Kawal J.K. Singh)
ASPs(SBPG)

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To
All Heads of Circles/Regions
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject:- SCSS Scheme-2004- Issue relating to TDS- Clarifications regarding.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to this office SB Order No. 15/2006 circulated vide letter of even number dated 26.6.2006 on the subject cited above.

2. This office is receiving references from various quarters on furnishing of declaration in form 15-G/15-H and issue of TDS certificates to the depositors.

3. It is further clarified that form 15-G or form 15-H as applicable, is required to be furnished by the depositor once in a financial year in respect of interest drawn during the financial year. This form is to be furnished in duplicate. The second copy of the form will be sent by the Incharge of the post office concerned to the Income Tax authorities within a week after the close of the month. It should be seen that depositor has given his complete postal address in form 15-G or form 15-H. As regards issue of TDS certificate to the depositors, it should be issued as and when demanded in the prescribed form 16-A. Specimen of Form 15-G, 15-H and 16-A are enclosed.

4. It has also been brought to the notice of this office by Min. of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs that number of grievances are being received in that ministry relating to non-acceptance of form 15H and 15G by the post offices and continuance of tax deduction despite the depositor filing or offering to file these forms. It is once again enjoyed upon all that such action is against the provision of law, distressful to the senior citizen taxpayers and detrimental to the image of the Government. No tax deduction at source should be made where the depositor is filing 15H or 15G or a certificate under section 197(1), as the case may be, as prescribed by the Min. of Finance.

5. The above clarifications/guidelines may kindly be circulated to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure:- Form 15H, 15G & 16A
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FORM NO. 15H
[See Rule 29C(1A)]

Declaration under sub Section (1C) of Section 197A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to be made by an individual or a person (not being a company or a firm) claiming certain receipts without deduction of tax

I hereby declare:

1. that the particulars of my account under the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme and the amount of quarterly interest are as per the Schedule below:

   **SCHEDULE**

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<tr>
<th>Description and details of investment</th>
<th>Amount invested</th>
<th>Date of investment / opening of account</th>
<th>Estimated income to be received</th>
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2. that *my/our present occupation is

3. that I am of the age of ............ Years.

4. that the tax on the estimated total income, including *income / incomes computed in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961, for the previous year ending on relevant to the assessment year ............ will be nil;

5. that I have not been assessed to income-tax at any time in the past but I fall within the jurisdiction of the Chief Commissioner or Commissioner of Income Tax

OR

That *I was last assessed to income-tax for the assessment year ............ by the Assessing Officer ............ Circle / Ward / District and the permanent account number allotted me is ............

6. that I *am/am not resident in India within the meaning of Section 6 of the Income Tax Act, 1961;

**Signature of the declarant**
Verification

I. ................................................................................................. do hereby declare that
to the best of my knowledge and belief what is stated above is correct, complete and truly stated.

Verified today, the .............................................. day of ...................................

Place ............................................................ ........................ ** Signature of the declarant

*Delete whichever is not applicable.

Notes:-
1. @ Give complete postal address.
2. The declaration should be furnished in duplicate.
3. *Delete whichever is not applicable.
4. Before signing the verification, the declarant should satisfy himself that the
   information furnished in the declaration is true, correct and complete in all respects.
   Any person making a false statement in the declaration shall be liable to prosecution
   under section 277 of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and on conviction be punishable:
   (i) In a case where tax sought to the evaded exceeds one lakh rupees, with rigorous
       imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven
       years and with fine;
   (ii) In any other case, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than three
        months but which may extend to three years and with fine.

PART-II
[For use by the person to whom the declaration is furnished]

1. Name and address of the person responsible
   for paying the income, mentioned in paragraph 1 of the declaration.

2. Date on which the declaration was
   furnished by the declaration.

3. Date of payment of interest from
   account number ........................................
   under Senior Citizen Savings Scheme.

4. Period in respect of which interest
   is being credited or paid.

5. Amount of interest received from
   Senior Citizen Savings Scheme.

6. Rate at which interest is
   credited / paid.

Forwarded to the Chief Commissioner or Commissioner of Income Tax .................

Place .........................................
Date ........................................

Signature of the person responsible for paying
the income referred to in Paragraph I
Declarations under sub-Section (1) and (1A) of Section 197A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to be made by an individual or a person (not being a company or a firm) claiming certain receipts without deduction of tax

I/We* @ do hereby declare:

1.that the securities or sums, particulars of which are given in Schedule III below, stand in *my/our name and beneficially belong to *me/us, and the *interest in respect of such securities is not includible in the total income of any other person under section 60 to 64 of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

2.that *my/our present occupation is

3.that the tax on the estimated total income computed in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for the financial year ending on will be nil;

4.that the aggregate amount of interest credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the financial year is not more than the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax (Rs. 1,00,000 for male tax payers and Rs. 1,25,000 for female tax payers).

5.that *I/We have not been assessed to income-tax at any time in the past but I fall within the jurisdiction of the Chief Commissioner or Commissioner of Income Tax.

OR

That *I was/we were last assessed to income-tax for the assessment year by the Assessing Officer.Circle / Ward / District and the permanent account number allotted me is

6.that *I/am/am not resident in India within the meaning of Section 6 of the Income Tax Act, 1961;

7.that the declaration is being made, are as under:-
**SCHEDULE-III**

Name of Scheme..........................................................................................................................

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<th>Name and address of the person to whom the sums are given on interest</th>
<th>Amount of such sums</th>
<th>Date on which sums were given on interest</th>
<th>Period for which such sums were given on interest</th>
<th>Rate of interest</th>
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**Signature of the declarant**

Verification

*I/We.................................................................................................................................. do hereby declare that to the best of *my/our knowledge and belief what is stated above is correct, complete and truly stated.

Verified today, the .....................day of ..................................................

Place .................................................................................................................................

**Signature of the declarant**

Notes:-

1. @ Give complete postal address.
2. The declaration should be furnished in duplicate.
3. *Delete whichever is not applicable.
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(i) In a case where tax sought to be evaded exceeds one lakh rupees, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine;
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PART-II

[For use by the person to whom the declaration is furnished]

1. Name and address of the person responsible for paying the income, mentioned in paragraph 1 of the declaration.
2. Date on which the declaration was furnished by the declaration.
3. Date of payment of interest from account number.................... under Senior Citizen Savings Scheme.
4. Period in respect of which interest is being credited or paid.
5. Amount of interest received from Senior Citizen Savings Scheme.
6. Rate at which interest is credited / paid.

Forwarded to the Chief Commissioner or Commissioner of Income Tax..................

Place..................
Date..................

Signature of the person responsible for paying the income referred to in Paragraph I

(For interest on securities; dividends; interest on Time Deposits referred to in clause (Vii) and (Viiia) of sub section (3) of section 194A; payments in respect of deposits under National Savings Scheme; payments on account of repurchase of units by Mutual Funds or Unit Trust of India; commission, remuneration of prize on sale of lottery tickets; commission or brokerage; income from units referred to in section 196B).

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<th>Name and address of the person deducting tax</th>
<th>TDS Circle where annual return under section 206 is to be delivered</th>
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TO ........... 19 ..................

DETAILS OF PAYMENT, TAX DEDUCTION AND DEPOSIT OF TAX IN TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT

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<th>Date of payment / credit</th>
<th>Amount paid / credited (Rs)</th>
<th>Amount of income-tax deducted (Rs)</th>
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Certified that a sum of Rs. (in words) ..................... has been deducted at source and paid to the credit of the Central Government as per details given above.

Place ........................................

Signature of person responsible for deduction of tax

Full Name ........................................

Designation ........................................
No.110-23/2001-SB  
Government of India  
Ministry of Communications & IT  
Department of Posts

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi-110001.  
Date: 05.12.2006

To  
All Heads of Circles/Regions  
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject: New procedure regarding Payment of Monthly Interest of MIS account by automatic credit into savings accounts.

Sir / Madam,

Kindly refer to page -7 of SB Order No. 6/2002 dated 26.3.2002 vide which the procedure for Payment of Monthly Interest of MIS accounts was circulated. Under the heading (a) "Automatic credit in savings accounts" the procedure to be adopted for automatic credit is mentioned. As per sub para (v) of this procedure, on each due date, the counter assistant is to prepare withdrawal form and pay-in-slip for each MIS and SB account for which the depositor has given instructions for this purpose. It involves lot of clerical work while preparing withdrawal forms and pay-in-slips. In order to reduce this work load, it has been decided to devise following new procedure where number of MIS and SB accounts involved in a single day exceed 5 accounts:-

New Procedure

The counter Assistant will prepare lists of MIS accounts and SB accounts in triplicate on the due date in the prescribed formats given at Annexure- A and B (enclosed) and put up to the APM/SPM along with ledger of the concerned accounts for checking. APM/SPM will compare all the entries in the lists with concerned ledger and put his initials against each entry. The APM/SPM will prepare one withdrawal form for the total amount entered in the MIS list. Only the warrant of payment side of withdrawal form need be filled. An entry will be made at the top of the form "For credit of Interest into saving accounts". He will sign the warrant of payment. One copy of the MIS list will be attached with MIS LOT and second copy will be attached with withdrawal form which will form part of MIS vouchers. Third copy will be retained in the office in a separate guard file. Simultaneously, APM/SPM will prepare one pay-in-slip (SB-103) for the total amount entered in the SB list under his signatures and put remark on the top of Pay-in-slip as "By transfer of interest from MIS accounts". One copy of the SB list will be attached with SB LOT and second copy will be attached with the pay-in-slip which will form part of SB vouchers. The third copy will be retained in the office in a separate guard file. In MIS and SB LOT, a single entry of the total amount withdrawn and credited will be made. In computerized post offices, lists of MIS and SB will be generated by software in the computer and in non-computerized post offices, these will be prepared manually.

2. It is requested that the above procedure may kindly be brought to the notice of all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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11. PS to Member (D)
No information provided.
## Annexure-A

**LIST OF MIS ACCOUNTS FROM WHICH INTEREST IS WITHDRAWN FOR AUTOMATIC CREDIT INTO SAVING ACCOUNT**

**DATE:**

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<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Name of depositor</th>
<th>MIS A/C Number</th>
<th>Interest withdrawn for the Month/Year (due month/due year)</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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Signatures of APM/SPM
**List of Mis-accounts From Which Interest is Withdrawn For Automatic Crediting Into Saving Account**

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Date: 9th Aug
Annexure-B

LIST OF SAVING ACCOUNTS IN WHICH INTEREST AUTOMATICALLY WITHDRAWN FROM MIS ACCOUNTS IS CREDITED

DATE: ____________

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All Heads of Circles/Regions
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi.

Subject: Acting of authorized agents as witness or messenger for withdrawal of money in various saving schemes.

Sir / Madam,

References from various quarters are received in this office in the recent past on the matter relating to acting of authorized agents under SAS/MPKBY and PPF schemes as witness or messenger for withdrawals of money from various types of accounts opened under different saving schemes in post offices.

2. The rules and instructions regarding accepting of witness and allowing any person to act as messenger of the depositor are very clear. As per Rule 36 of SB Manual Vol-I, acceptance of witness for identification of a depositor is subject to satisfaction of post office.

3. As per Rule 3 of Standardized Agency System, Rule 4 of MPKBY and Rule 4 of PPF Agency Scheme framed by Min. of Finance, the scope of agency system is confined to canvassing, accepting and depositing investments for the sale of KVP/NSC(VIIIth Issue), deposits in RD/TD/MIS/PPF and SCSS schemes accounts in post offices. Any other function such as acting as a messenger or witness for any type of withdrawal under any small saving scheme in the capacity of authorized agent is not covered under the agency rules.

4. It is requested that this may kindly be brought to the notice of all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

5. This issues with the approval of DDG(FS)

Yours faithfully,

(Kawal Jit Singh)
Assistant Superintendent Posts
(SB&CC)

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