

**SB Order No. 11 / 2023**

No. FS-10/21/2023-FS-DOP  
Government of India  
Ministry of Communications  
**Department of Posts**  
**(F.S. Division)**

Dak Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001  
Dated: 22.05.2023

To  
**All Head of Circles / Regions**

**Subject: ₹ 2000 Denomination Banknotes - Withdrawal from Circulation – Regarding.**

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Reserve Bank of India in Press Release No. 2023-2024/257 dated 19.05.2023 in pursuance of its 'Clean Note Policy', has decided to withdraw the ₹ 2000 denomination banknotes from Circulation. **The banknotes in ₹ 2000 denomination will continue to be legal tender.**

2. In this connection, the following instructions are issued to be adhered strictly by the post offices and other units / offices handling the cash.

(a). ₹ 2000 denomination banknotes **shall not be accepted for exchange** in post offices and other offices handling cash. Members of the public should be advised to exchange the notes in the banks. However, acceptance of ₹ 2000 denomination banknotes should not be refused for any postal transaction in the offices / units.

(b). Deposit of ₹ 2000 denomination banknotes in Post Office Savings Bank accounts which are fully complied with the applicable KYC norms, can be accepted in the usual manner without any restrictions and subject to the extant instructions.

(c). All the offices / units shall discontinue issue of ₹ 2000 denomination bank notes.

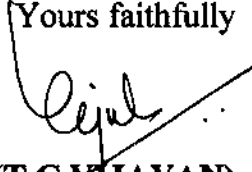
(d). In ATMs, cash should not be replenished with ₹ 2000 denomination bank notes. It may be ensured that ₹ 2000 denomination banknotes are not disbursed from the ATMs. i.e. if the cash balance in the ATMs contains ₹ 2000 denomination banknotes, they may be replaced with other denomination banknotes.

(e). Post offices / units should remit ₹ 2000 denomination banknotes to the banks on daily basis to ensure non-stock of ₹ 2000 denomination banknotes in the post offices and other units / offices.

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3. A copy of the Press Release informing the public of the exercise and soliciting their co-operation issued by RBI is enclosed for ready reference which may be displayed in the counter hall, ATM kiosks and other public access areas in the post offices.
4. The above instructions will be effective until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
5. Circles / Regions are requested to issue suitable instructions to the offices / units and advise them to extend all co-operation to members of the public, so that the exercise is conducted in a non-disruptive manner, without any inconvenience to the public.
6. This may be circulated to all the Offices for information and necessary actions.
7. This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully  
  
(T C VIJAYAN)  
Asst. Director (SB-I)

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May 19, 2023

**₹2000 Denomination Banknotes –  
Withdrawal from Circulation; Will continue as Legal Tender**

The ₹2000 denomination banknote was introduced in November 2016 under Section 24(1) of RBI Act, 1934, primarily to meet the currency requirement of the economy in an expeditious manner after the withdrawal of legal tender status of all ₹500 and ₹1000 banknotes in circulation at that time. The objective of introducing ₹2000 banknotes was met once banknotes in other denominations became available in adequate quantities. Therefore, printing of ₹2000 banknotes was stopped in 2018-19.

2. About 89% of the ₹2000 denomination banknotes were issued prior to March 2017 and are at the end of their estimated life-span of 4-5 years. The total value of these banknotes in circulation has declined from ₹6.73 lakh crore at its peak as on March 31, 2018 (37.3% of Notes in Circulation) to ₹3.62 lakh crore constituting only 10.8% of Notes in Circulation on March 31, 2023. It has also been observed that this denomination is not commonly used for transactions. Further, the stock of banknotes in other denominations continues to be adequate to meet the currency requirement of the public.

3. In view of the above, and in pursuance of the "Clean Note Policy" of the Reserve Bank of India, it has been decided to withdraw the ₹2000 denomination banknotes from circulation.

4. The banknotes in ₹2000 denomination will continue to be legal tender.

5. It may be noted that RBI had undertaken a similar withdrawal of notes from circulation in 2013-2014.

6. Accordingly, members of the public may deposit ₹2000 banknotes into their bank accounts and/or exchange them into banknotes of other denominations at any bank branch. Deposit into bank accounts can be made in the usual manner, that is, without restrictions and subject to extant instructions and other applicable statutory provisions.

7. In order to ensure operational convenience and to avoid disruption of regular activities of bank branches, exchange of ₹2000 banknotes into banknotes of other denominations can be made upto a limit of ₹20,000/- at a time at any bank starting from May 23, 2023.

8. To complete the exercise in a time-bound manner and to provide adequate time to the members of public, all banks shall provide deposit and/or exchange facility for ₹2000 banknotes until September 30, 2023. Separate guidelines have been issued to the banks.

9. The facility for exchange of ₹2000 banknotes upto the limit of ₹20,000/- at a time shall also be provided at the 19 Regional Offices (ROs) of RBI having Issue Departments<sup>1</sup> from May 23, 2023.

10. The Reserve Bank of India has advised banks to stop issuing ₹2000 denomination banknotes with immediate effect.

11. Members of the public are encouraged to utilise the time up to September 30, 2023 to deposit and/or exchange the ₹2000 banknotes. A document on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in the matter has been hosted on the RBI website for information and convenience of the public.

**Press Release: 2023-2024/257**

**(Yogesh Dayal)**  
Chief General Manager

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<sup>1</sup> Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Belapur, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kanpur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, New Delhi, Patna and Thiruvananthapuram