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Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services

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To:

Chairman Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Mumbai

Subject:

Promotion of digital payments

Sir,

Please refer to Department of Financial Services' letter of even number, dated 5.7.2017, requesting IBA to appropriately follow up on the following recommendations made by the Committee of Secretaries in its meeting held on 21.6.2017:

- (i) Banks may re-examine the charges levied by them on cash handling, withdrawal and deposits, with the objective of incentivising digital transactions over cash transactions.
- (ii) Banks should proactively promote digital transactions and take all necessary steps to make them cheaper for customers than cash transactions. If necessary, cross-subsidisation of low value digital transactions by high value digital transactions or by cash transaction may be considered for this purpose.
- (iii) Banks may re-examine the current policy of allowing certain number of free cash transactions, while charging for every digital transaction.
- 2. Action taken in the matter may please be intimated.

Yours faithfully,

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