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Exam Notes- Defination and General System of Accounts

Definition

- (a) Accounting Authority means the General Manager (Finance) Postal Accounts and includes Director of Accounts (Postal) & Deputy Director of Accounts (Postal) who exercises accounting functions.
- (b) **Accounts Officer** -means any officer subordinate to, or under the superintendence of Chief Accounting Authority or the Accounting Authority who exercises accounting functions.
- (c) **Audit Officer** -means any officer subordinate to, or under the superintendence of the Comptroller and Auditor General who exercises audit functions.
- d) **Bank means** the Reserve Bank of India or any of its offices or branches, any branch of the State Bank of India acting as the agent of the Reserve Bank of India in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934) and any branch of a subsidiary bank as defined in Section 2 of the State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Act, 1959 (38 of1959) or any other agency appointed by the Reserve Bank of India.
- (e) **Branch Audit Office or Audit Office-** means the office of the Director of Audit / Audit officer in-charge in independent charge of one of the Postal and Telecom Audit Offices.
- (f) **Branch Postal Accounts Office or Postal Accounts Office** means the office of the General Manager (Finance) Postal Accounts, Director of Accounts (Postal) & Deputy Director of Accounts (Postal) in-charge of the Postal Accounts Office of the Circle.
- (g) Constitution- means the Constitution of India.

ORGANISATION AND CONTROL

Chief Accounting Authority

The Secretary Department of Posts, Ministry of communications is the Chief Accounting Authority for Department of Posts. He is responsible for

- a) the compilation and consolidation of monthly and annual accounts of the Department.
- b) the preparation of the Postal portion of the combined finance and Revenue Accounts;
- c) the preparation of the annual Appropriation Accounts of the Department

The Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor (AS & FA) will advise the Chief Accounting Authority in the Accounts and financial matters of the Department of Posts.

Professional functionary of the Postal Services Board

The Senior Deputy Director General (Postal Accounts and Finance) is the professional functionary of the Postal Services Board in the Postal Accounts matters. In this capacity he organises, trains and controls from the professional point of view the Postal Accounts Establishments as a whole and is responsible for the professional efficiency as also for correctness of accounts and accounting procedure

Control Over State of Work

Each section of the Postal Accounts Office should maintain a Calendar of Returns in Form Sy. 264 showing the due and actual dates of

- (a)-the dispatch of the returns due from the section
- (b)-the submission to the Branch officers of all accounts, objection, statements, registers etc.;

Postal Account works

Core System Integrator and Introduction of SAP in DOP

Core System Integrator (CSI) In CSI, ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) – SAP (Systems, Applications and Products) modules are included in the areas of Financial Accounting, FundManagement, Business Intelligence Reporting, Payroll and InventoryManagement etc.,

SAP (Systems, Applications and Products), a developed accrual accountingsoftware is introduced, Through CSI-SAP, mainly two types of report are generated for F&A, one is on Cash Based System, with the 15 digit CGA HOA, for submission to CGA and the second is on accrual based accounting, for internal analysis and decisionmaking.

Public Financial Management System (PFMS)

3.04 The Public Financial Management System (PFMS) is web-based online software, developed and maintained by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, and Government of India. CGA report, generated through application is pushed to e-lekha through PFMS by the PAOs, as per the prevailing instructions & guidelines of the Department.

Compilation of Accounts

System generated Cash based account (CGA report) for a DDO/NCDDO is processed on T+3 (Transaction day + 3 days) basis and pushed the generated data to e-Lekha through PFMS after performing the following checks.

- a. The account submission is for each day including holidays & Sundays.
- b. Each transaction summary figure, GL wise is cross checked with transaction schedule for debits and credits and ensures that the figure tallies after exclusion of such transactions occurred under accrual based.
- c. GL wise verification as in CGA report and day wise schedule figure is done daily by respective section, responsible for validation of data GL

REMITANCE

Definitions:

- a. —Remittance- means transfer of funds & equivalent between two disbursing officers of the same or other Department
- b. —Inter-sol Remittance GL- in relation to CBS transactions means the remittances between two Service Outlets.
- c. —Grid Clearance Remittance GL- in relation to CBS transactions means, transactions done through instruments realized at Central Grid circle and transactions occurred at Different Circles.
- d. —Intra circle Remittance or RSAO —means, remittance transactions within the same circle accounts jurisdiction.
- e. —Inter-circle remittance or POR means, remittance transactions between two different circles accounts jurisdiction.
- f. —Presentation session in relation to CTS-Cheque clearance refers to the morning session wherein the other bank cheques received by Post offices and the POSB cheques received by banks are presented for clearing to banks and post offices respectively.
- g. —Return Session-in relation to CTS-Cheque clearance refers to the afternoon session where remarks for returns such as —Realised or —Returned are marked by banks and post offices respectively.
- h. —Outward Presentation- in relation to CTS-Cheque clearance refers to the amount of bank cheques received by the Post offices presented to the banks for clearing.
- i. —Inward Presentation- in relation to CTS-Cheque clearance refers to the amount of Post Office cheques received by the banks presented to the Post Offices for clearing.
- j. —Outward Return in relation to CTS-Cheque clearance refers to the amount of rejected/bounced PO cheques returned to banks by Post Offices.
- k. —Inward Return- in relation to CTS-Cheque clearance refers to the amount of rejected/bounced bank cheques returned to Post Offices by the Banks

Different type of Remittances between the post offices

1. Intra circle Remittance or RSAO- The remittances within the circle, i.e., with in the same accounts jurisdiction of circle Postal Accounts

BUDGET AND BUDGETRY CONTROL

Introduction

9.01 Budget is a statement of estimated annual receipts and expenditure, and estimates of expenditure are divided into two parts, namely charged and voted. In the context of department of Posts, charged expenditure represents any sum required to satisfy the decree of a court of Law etc. The estimates of expenditure are met from the Consolidated Fund of India, which is presented to the Lok Sabha in the form of Detailed Demand for Grants except to the extent to which such expenditure is charged. The responsibility for the preparation of the Budget estimates of Department of Posts lies with the Secretary Department of posts, also called Chief Accounts Authority.

Detailed Demand for Grants:

9.03 Demand for Grants is the form in which estimates of expenditure from the Consolidated Fund, included in the annual financial statement and required to be voted upon in the Lok Sabha, are submitted in pursuance of Article 113 of the Constitution. The responsibility for the preparation of Budget estimates of the Department of Posts as well as submission of any estimates of demands for supplementary grants lies with Secretary Department of Posts.

9.04 Detailed demand for Grants shall be prepared by the Head of circles in consultation with the Circle Internal Financial Advisor based on the Budget circular issued by the Ministry of Finance,

Each circle shall have Budget Cell headed by Chief Postmaster General, which comprises two units (i) Budget Control unit (ii) Budget Operating Unit. Budget Control Unit of the Circle is responsible for preparation & compilation of Demand for grants-

9.05 Budget Division of Postal Directorate shall verify the correctness of Demand for Grants received by the various circles and compile the data and prepares Detailed Demands for grants for scrutiny of Additional secretary & Financial Advisor and approval of proposal by Secretary Department of posts.