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PAYMENT TO CONTRACTUAL LABOUR THROUGH CHEQUE¹

The Payment of Wages Act, 1936 has been amended by Payment of Wages (Amendment) Act, 2017 (effective from 28.12.2016) to enable the employers to pay wages to their employees by (a) cash or (b) cheque or (c) crediting to their bank account. The amendment in the Act also enables the appropriate Government to specify the industrial or other establishment, by notification in the Official Gazette, which shall pay to every person employed in such industrial or other establishment, the wages only by cheque or by crediting in his bank account.

Provision for making of payment only by cheque or by crediting in bank account of an employee, in respect of industrial or other establishment in the Central Sphere has been notified on 26.04.2017.

As per information received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, contract labour are paid through Bank at thermal power station, Chachai in Amarkantak in the district Anuppur, Madhya Pradesh.

This information was given by Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha.

REPORT OF TASK FORCE ON E-COMMERCE POLICY²

A Think Tank on 'Framework for National Policy on e-Commerce' was established by Department of Commerce and a Task Force under the Think Tank was set up for preparing recommendations for India's National Policy on e-Commerce. The Task Force was further divided into 9 sub-groups. The first meeting of the Think Tank was held on 24th April, 2018, meeting of the subgroups was held during 20th - 22nd June, 2018 and the first meeting of the Task Force was held on 6th July, 2018.

Further, the second meeting of the Think Tank was held on 30th July, 2018. Subsequent to the consultations held, Department of Commerce formulated a Draft policy document titled "Electronic Commerce in India: Stakeholder Recommendations Received for a National Policy Framework". Consequent to the change in Allocation of Business Rules, "Matters related to e-Commerce" has been transferred to Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. The formulation of e-Commerce policy is under consideration of the Government, for which no timeline has been fixed.

This information was given by the Minister of State of Commerce and Industry, C. R. Chaudhary, in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

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