

FINANCE MINISTRY LAUNCHES MOBILE APPLICATION “JAN DHAN DARSHAK” AS A PART OF FINANCIAL INCLUSION¹

Mobile App to Provide Guidance to the Common People in Locating a Financial Service Touch Point at a Given Location in the Country

Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance and National Informatics Centre (NIC) has jointly developed a mobile app called Jan Dhan Darshak as a part of financial inclusion (FI) initiative. As the name suggests, this app will act as a guide for the common people in locating a financial service touch point at a given location in the country.

While locator apps are a common feature for many individual banks and financial service providers, in this era of inter-operable banking services, Jan Dhan Darshak app will be in a unique position to provide a citizen centric platform for locating financial service touch points across all providers such as banks, post office, CSC, etc. These services could be availed as per the needs and convenience of the common people.

While over 5 lakh FI touch points (Bank branches, ATMs, Post Offices) have been mapped on this App, approx. 1.35 lakh Bank Mitras would be on-boarded by 01.12.2018. Some of the salient features of this App are as follows:

- Find nearby Financial touch points, based on current location (Branches/ATM/Post offices)
- Search by place name
- Search by place name also available with Voice Interface
- Phone number of bank branches available in app, with the facility of call button for integrated dialling
- Users' feedback will go directly to the concerned bank for carrying out the necessary updation in data on financial touch points.

ONLINE FILING OF REGISTRATION AND LICENSING APPLICATIONS BY EMPLOYERS NOW MANDATORY²

Fee and Security deposit now to be made by E-Payment

Taking cognizance of the Government's focus on making India “Digital India” by ensuring that various Government Services are made available to the citizens electronically and to provide trust based efficient public service delivery by bringing transparency and accountability in the system, Ministry of Labour and Employment has initiated the process for providing the facilities of registration and licensing mandatorily online on the Shram Suvidha Portal under

- i) The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 (37 of 1970),
- ii) The Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 (30 of 1979),
- iii) The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 (27 of 1996).

Now, as per the newly amended “The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Central (Amendment) Rules, 2018” vide notification number

¹ Available at: <http://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1547270>

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G.S.R. 830(E) dated 4th September, 2018, the Employers have to file applications for registration of establishments mandatorily online on the Shram Suvidha Portal for granting of certificate of registration that shall be made available to the employers through the said Portal.

The Draft rules to amend the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central Rules, 1971 and the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Central Rules, 1980 for filing of applications and granting of certificate of registration/license online on the Shram Suvidha Portal have been notified in the Gazette of India vide notification number G.S.R. 829(E) and G.S.R. 830 (E) dated 4th September, 2018. Further, the notification number(s) S.O. 4259(E) and S.O. 4260 (E) published in the official gazette of India on 4thSeptember, 2018 provides for making applications regarding registration and licensing online on the Shram Suvidha Portal till the said draft rules are finalized.

Moreover, the recently published notifications provide for payment of registration/licensing fee and security deposit as required under the above three Acts through e-payment only.

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