

Communiqué to ALL DDE Users (#214)

Circular No.: NeSL/DDE/2025/0214 Date: 22nd September 2025

Integration with NeSL for e-BG Services - GePNIC Procurement Portals

Ref: (1) Communique No. NeSL/FC/2024/139 dated 26th March 2024 (2) Communique No. NeSL/FC/2025/192 dated 23rd May 2025

We invite the attention of NeSL DDE users (registered banks), to the two communiques cited above, intimating the integration of electronic bank guarantee (e-BG) submission facility of NeSL with the e-procurement portals and specific instructions about the procedure to be followed by the banks while issuing e-BG to GePNIC Portals.

As per Notification No.F.10(4)-FIN (EXPDT-1)2024(Part-II)/549 dated 01.09.2025 (Annexure-1), issued by the Government of Tripura, with effect from 01.10.2025, submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in all public procurement processes shall be carried compulsorily through Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) mode only. It is also stated that submission of Bank Guarantees in physical (offline) mode shall stand discontinued from 01.10.2025 onwards and will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Presently, the facility to submit e-BG to the Tripura State e-tender portal is available only with the banks listed in Annexure-2. Other banks can start issuing e-BG to the Tripura State e-tender Portal only after completion of UAT and the onboarding process. A few relevant points to be noted by the issuing banks while issuing e-BG to the GePNIC powered Procurement Portal including Tripura State e-Tenders Portal are listed in Annexure-3.

Extension of timeline for mandatory adoption or Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in public procurement processes under the Government of Tripura- regarding.

Government of Tripura Finance Department No. F.10(4)-FIN(EXPDT-I)/2024(Part-III)/554-633, 23/09/2025

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Sd/ Team NeSL



F.10(4)-FIN(EXPDT-I)/2024(Part-II)

No. F. 10(4)-FIN (EXPDT-I)/2024(Part-II)/549 GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Dated: Agartala, the e-sign date, 2025.

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Mandatory use of Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in all public procurement processes under the State Government.

The undersigned is directed to inform that the Government of Tripura had earlier introduced the Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) system in the State etender portal vide Memorandum No.F.10(4)-FIN(EXPDT-I)/2024 (Part-II), dated 10.05.2024 and Memorandum No.F.10(4)-FIN(EXPDT-O)/2024 (Part-II), dated 22.05.2024, in line with the guidelines of the Government of India for adoption of electronic Bank Guarantee in e-procurement systems.

Now, in continuation of the aforesaid Memoranda, dated 10.05.2024 and 22.05.2024 and with a view to further strengthening transparency, efficiency, and ease of doing business in public procurement, the undersigned is directed to convey the following decisions of the State Government in the Finance Department:

- With effect from 01.10.2025, submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Performance Security in all public procurement processes shall be carried compulsorily through Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) mode only.
- Submission of Bank Guarantees in physical (offline) mode shall stand discontinued from 01.10.2025 onwards and will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- All Procuring Entities/Departments shall ensure that tender documents are configured in the e-tender portal accordingly, so as to enable bidders to submit EMD and Performance Security exclusively through e-BG mode.
- The Public Works Department (R&B) shall continue to act as the Nodal Department for monitoring and oversight of e-BG transactions on behalf of all Administrative Departments.

The National Informatics Centre (NIC), Tripura, in coordination with NeSL, shall provide necessary technical support to Procuring Entities for effective implementation of the system.

This Notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

Signed by Debamita Kilikdar Date: 01-09-2025 17:43:10

Joint Secretary to the Government of Tripura

To 1. All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Special Secretaries	
2. All Heads of Departments	
Communication	

- Copy to:-
- 1. The Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Tripura for kind information.
- 2. The PS to the Chief Secretary, Tripura for kind information.
- 3. The PS to the Secretary, Finance Department for kind information.
- 4. The Accountant General (A&E), Tripura for kind information.
- 5. The Accountant General (Audit), Tripura for kind information.
- The Director, Directorate of Information & Technology, Government of Tripura for kind information.
- 7. The Senior Technical Director, NIC, Tripura, Secretariat, Agartala for kind information.
- 8. The CEO & MD, NeSL
- 9. Shri Girijavallabhan VK, Senior Consultant, E-BG, NESL.
- 10. The SLBC, State Coordinator, Tripura.

Annexure-2
List of Banks integrated with GePNIC Procurement Portals for e-BG as on 10.09.2025

S.No	Bank Name	Status
01	Bank of Baroda	Live
02	Canara Bank	Live
03	HDFC Bank	Live
04	ICICI bank	Live
05	Indian Bank	Live
06	Indian Overseas Bank	Live
07	Karur Vysya Bank	Live
08	Punjab National Bank	Live
09	State Bank of India	Live
10	Union Bank of India	Live

Annexure –3

Re	Relevant points to be noted by the issuing banks while issuing eBG to the Tripura State e-Tenders Portal				
S.No	Topic	Description			
1		e-BGs will be accepted by the Tripura Procurement Portal only from the banks which have completed the UAT process and have been onboarded by GePNIC for issuing e-BG to the Procurement Portal.			
2	Challan No/Contract reference No.	 a) GePNIC Portal issues a separate e-BG challan number to the applicants (bidders or vendors) for each e-BG request. b) The Challan No. must be mandatorily captured by Banks against the field "Contract Reference Number". c) Internal check must be built into the bank side application to ensure that whenever the e-BG is being issued to a Procurement Portal, then the "contract reference number" (e-BG challan No) is captured mandatorily. NeSL system would reject requests received from Bank to issue e-BG to GePNIC Portal if e-BG request is received without a contract reference number (e-BG challan No). d) Any incorrect capture of the challan number would result in the e-BG not being accepted by the Procurement Portal. Incidents have been reported where the banks had captured the Tender number in place of e-BG challan No. The capture of tender reference number in the e-BG must be mandatorily avoided as it jeopardizes the secrecy of the tender procedure. 			
3	Portal ID	Portal ID "GEPTR" must be mandatorily captured by banks whenever e-BG is issued to the Procurement Portal			

4	UIN	The UIN of the beneficiary mentioned in the challan must be captured by the Banks mandatorily in the field "PAN" a) NeSL system would reject the request from the Bank if the UIN submitted by Bank while issuing e-BG is not linked with the Portal
5	PAN of applicant	The PAN of the applicant provided in the challan shall match with the PAN in the e-BG issued by the bank. In case the PAN is different, the e-BG will not be accepted by the GePNIC portal
6	Mobile number of the applicant	The mobile number of the applicant is mandatory as an internal fallback mechanism has been built in the Procurement Portal to identify the e-BG with the applicant
7	Expiry Date / Claim Expiry Date	The expiry date / claim expiry date mentioned in the Challan must be mandatorily captured.
8	Remarks Column	In case of Partial Invocation or Invocation, the details of remittance i.e. the date of remittance of the amount and the UTR number, etc., must be mandatorily provided in the "Remarks Column".
9	Confidentiality of Tendering Process	As the GePNIC portals maintain complete confidentiality of the tendering process, no reference to the tender number or ultimate beneficiary (Tender Inviting Authority) shall be mentioned in the metadata or e-BG.
10	Data validation	 a) The data in the critical fields must not be changed in the response of event request raised by the Procurement Portal. b) Banks shall mandatorily ensure that the information in the e-BG document matches with the accompanying meta data sent by the bank. Procurement portals will rely on the correctness of meta-data in its processing. c) Banks should ensure the name of beneficiary given in the Challan is captured correctly in the e-BG API request and matches with the beneficiary's name in the document.
11	Banks to ensure	Banks shall not allow any amendment, renewal, closure before expiry, invocation, etc., of the e-BGs issued to Procurement Portal without an event request raised through Procurement Portal/or confirmation from the beneficiary
12	BG amount	Bank must always capture the latest BG amount and report it under the <i>Total Outstanding amount</i> field in the e-BG event transactions. In case of issuance, the latest BG amount and original BG amounts are the same. If the BG amount undergoes changes, e.g. due to amendment or partial invocation, the latest e-BG amount will be different from the original BG amount. In case of closure or invocation, the latest BG amount should be reported as zero.