

Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks to offer Atal Pension Yojana

This will provide a boost to the outreach of subscribers under APY

Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is a Government of India's Old Age Pension Scheme being implemented through all Banks across the country as per the mandate received from the Ministry of Finance and monitored periodically at PMO. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi had launched the Social Security Scheme on 9th May 2015 and dedicated the First Ever Guaranteed Pension Product to the people of the country.

Payments Banks and Small Finance Banks are a New Model of banks conceptualized by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). 11 Payment Banks and 10 Small Finance Banks have received license from Reserve Bank of India to start banking operations in India. Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks are new age banks and given the strength of the bank, expertise and its reach, Small Finance Bank and Payment Bank can play a pivotal role in outreach of subscribers under APY.

To strengthen the existing channels of APY distribution, it is felt that these new Payments Banks and Small Finance Banks will provide a boost to the outreach of subscribers under APY. Participation in APY not only builds a pensioned society but also adds sustainable fee income to Banks by way of attractive incentive for mobilizing APY at Rs 120-150 for each Account.

In order to familiarize these Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks in Atal Pension Yojana (APY), the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has conducted an Orientation Meeting on 15th January 2018 in New Delhi for all the Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks and discussed the implementation of Scheme in these banks. All Small Finance Bank and Payment Bank have positively responded to the initiative undertaken by PFRDA and has committed towards the greater cause of building a pensioned India as per the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.

Currently the below mentioned Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks has started banking operations:

Small Finance Banks

- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.
- Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank.

- A U Small Finance Bank.
- Capital Small Finance Bank.
- ESAF Small Finance Bank.
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank.
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank.
- Fincare Small Finance Bank.

Payment Bank

- Paytm Payment Bank.
- Airtel Payment Bank.
- India Post Payment Bank.
- Fino Payment Bank.

As on 23rd January 2018, there are more than 84 lacs subscribers registered under the APY Scheme with an asset base of more than Rs. 3,194 crore.

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