Standard Operating
Procedure for Refund of
Unspent Balances by
States for Schemes
Notified under SNA
SPARSH

STATE GOVERNMENT USERS

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INTRODUCTION

Department of Expenditure notified SNA-SPARSH vide OM dated 13.07.2023 (Annexure 1) to bring in more efficiency in cash management and to achieve the goal of "Just-in-time" fund flow from both the Centre and State Consolidated Funds through an integrated network of State IFMIS, e-kuber of RBI and PFMS. The new system has been named SNA-SPARSH (समयोचित प्रणाली एकीकृत शीघ्र हस्तांतरण-Real-time System for integrated Quick Transfers). Under SNA-SPARSH, the center's share is released only when the beneficiary incurs an actual expenditure and a claim is raised. The State's account is pre-funded with the center's share before releasing of payment to the end beneficiary by the State Government.

This manual detail the standard operating procedure that the State Government is to follow for returning unspent balances to the respective Central Ministry/ Department handling the Centrally Sponsored Schemes notified under SNA SPARSH vide DoE's OM dated 4.10.2024.

RETURN OF UNSPENT BALANCES in SNA ACCOUNT

What are Unspent Balances?

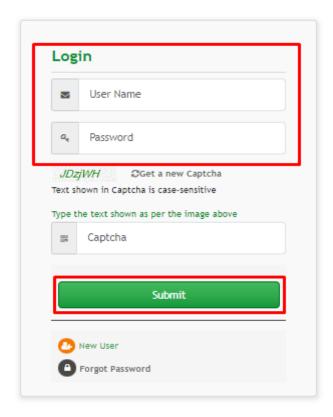
- If a State has successfully credited a payment to the end beneficiary through SNA SPARSH for a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the same is considered to be onboarded on the new platform. Any balances lying in the State Nodal Agency account thereafter will be treated as unspent balance and has to be returned to the respective Centre and State Consolidated Fund as per the sharing pattern.
- The Centre share is to be returned to the concerned Central Ministry/ Department through Bharatkosh portal (https://bharatkosh.gov.in)
- The Department handling the scheme in the State has to ensure that the SNA account is not utilised for any further expenditure by Implementing Agency, and the unspent balance is returned to respective Consolidated Funds.

Process for return of unspent balance to Central Ministry/ Department through Bharatkosh

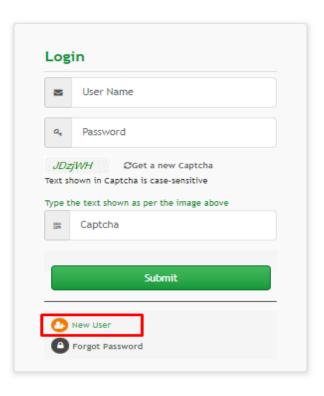
The process to be followed for returning the unspent balance to the Central Ministry/ Department is as follows:

- 1. The SNA/ State user shall go to https://bharatkosh.gov.in/NTRPHome/Index and go to the menu Login/Register.
- 2. If the user has a registered Bharatkosh account, they will enter the username and password and click on "submit" button to login





3. If the user does not have a registered Bharatkosh login ID, they must create one using the "New User" hyperlink. The steps for the creation of a new account are detailed in Annexure A



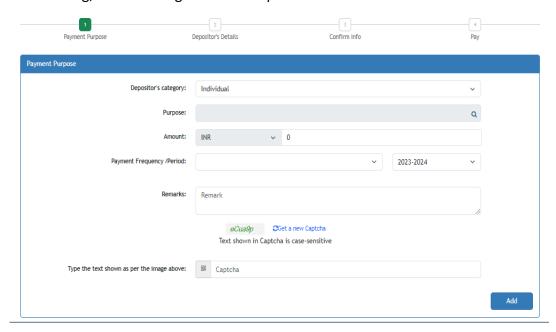
4. On successful login on Bharatkosh, the following screen will open



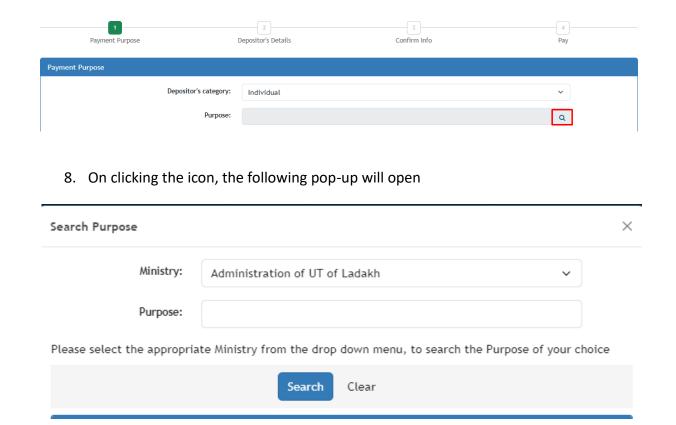
5. The user will click on the "Make Payment" dropdown and select "Payment to



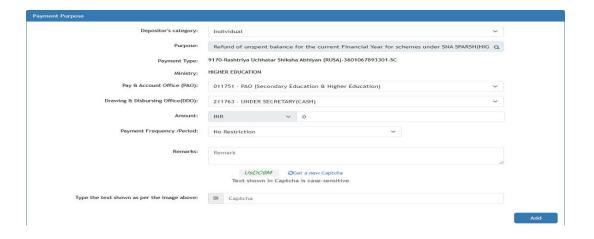
6. On clicking, the following screen will open



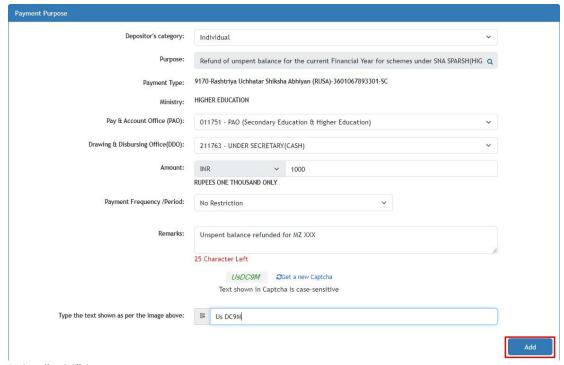
7. The user will click on the highlighted icon to select the Ministry/ Department and the purpose



- 1. The user will select the Ministry/ Department from the dropdown to whom the unspent balance is to be returned and search for the purpose Refund of unspent balance for the current financial year for schemes under SNA SPARSH OR Refund of unspent balance for the previous financial year for schemes under SNA SPARSH as the case may be. If the purpose is not visible in the dropdown, the State has to contact the Pay and Accounts Office of the concerned Ministry for mapping of the purpose.
- 9. All Heads of Account in which the budget was released will be added as a payment type. The user has to carefully select the purpose based on the head of account for which the unspent balance is being refunded.
- 10. The purpose will appear in the form of a hyperlink. The user will click on the hyperlink to choose the purpose. On selecting the purpose, the following form will open where the purpose, payment type, PAO, and DDO will be pre-filled based on the purpose selected.



11. The user will fill in the amount to be remitted, enter the SLS name and code (linked to the CSS) in the remarks to enable the Ministry/Department to identify the State. After filling in the details, the user will enter the captcha and click on

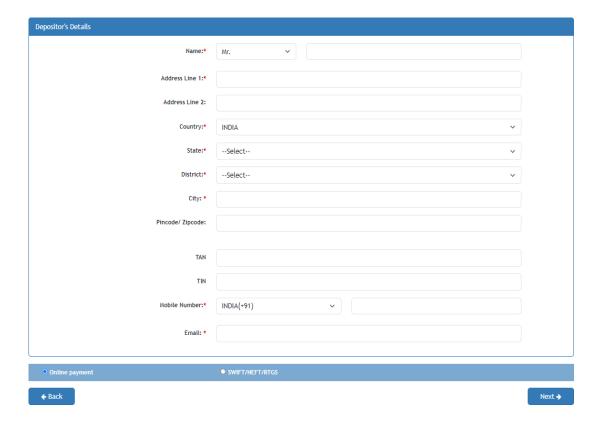


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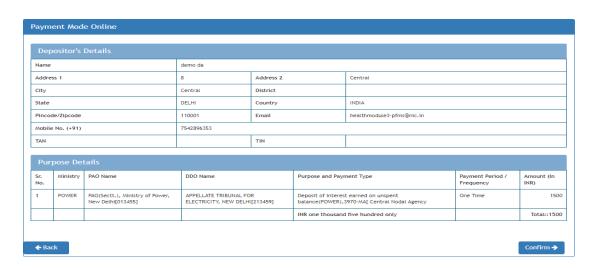
12. On clicking "Add", the following table will be displayed. If the user is okay with the details, they will click on "Next". If they wish to change the details, they may click on the "delete" icon and make a fresh selection.



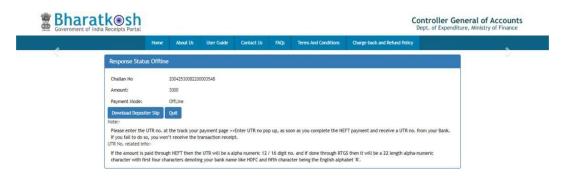
13. On clicking "Next", the following page will open where the user will fill in the depositor details and select the mode through which they wish to return the unspent balance.



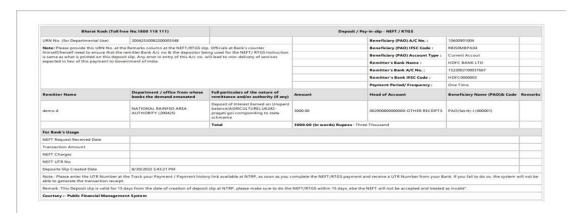
- 14. Name, email ID and mobile number will be pre-filled based on the details entered while creating the Bharatkosh ID. The user will fill in the address and select the desired mode of payment and click on "Next".
- 15. On clicking "Next" the user will reach the confirmation page on Bharatkosh. If the details are found to be satisfactory, the user will click on the "confirm" button. If the user wishes to edit the details, they will click on the "Back" button to make changes.



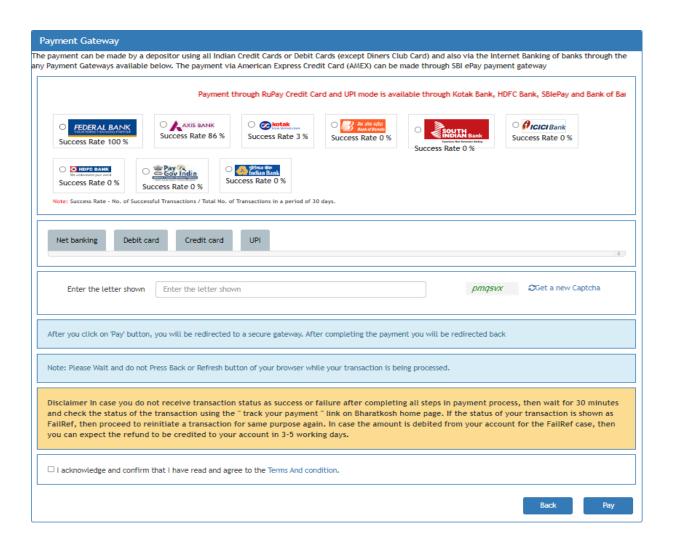
16. If the selected mode of payment is offline (NEFT/RTGS): on clicking the "confirm" button, a deposit slip will be available for download.



Sample deposit slip:



- 17. Each Deposit slip will have a unique CPIN. The payee can add the CPIN as a beneficiary in their internet banking credentials and make a payment OR may visit the branch and pay over the counter. The payee will not update the UTR on Bharatkosh. It will be automatically updated on successful reconciliation.
- 18. If the selected mode of payment is online (Net Banking/ Debit Card/ Credit Card/ Corporate Net Banking): on clicking the "confirm" button, the user will be redirected to the payment gateway page. The user will select the payment gateway, desired mode, and make a payment



RETURN OF UNSPENT BALANCES in RBI DRAWING ACCOUNT AFTER ONBOARDING SNASPARSH

What are Unspent Balances when scheme has onboarded SNA SPARSH?

- If a State has received excess credit of centre share against duplicate payment files inadvertently pushed by States
- Credits lying in RBI account due to permanent marking of transactions as "failed" in State IFMS failed by the State IFMS as the payment could not be credited to the end beneficiary through SNA SPARSH.
- The above balances will be treated as unspent balance and has to be returned to the respective Centre and State Consolidated Fund as per the sharing pattern.
- The Centre share is to be returned to the concerned Central Ministry/ Department through Bharatkosh portal (https://bharatkosh.gov.in)
- If the State returns the unspent balance in the same financial year in which the centre share was released, it shall be treated as a reduction of expenditure by the Central Ministry/ Department.
- If the unspent balance is returned in the next financial year, it shall be booked under deduct recoveries.
- Return of unspent balances from the State Treasury Account (in RBI) can be made using the NEFT/RTGS mode only on Bharatkosh.

Process for return of unspent balance to Central Ministry/ Department through Bharatkosh

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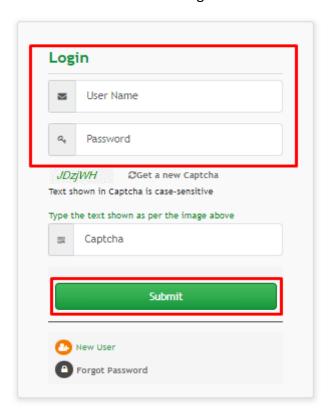
(1) Activation of State Treasury Account for e-payment

State Treasury Account which is configured for e-payments can try making NEFT/RTGS payment to NTRP Bharatkosh account

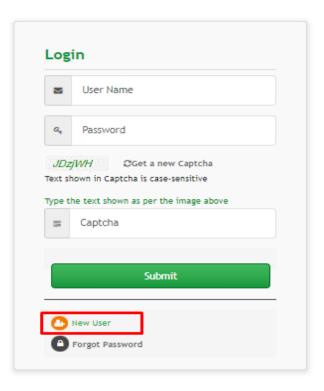
- (2) Process for generation of deposit slip through Bharatkosh for remittance through NEFT/RTGS mode
- 2. The user shall go to https://bharatkosh.gov.in/NTRPHome/Index and go to the menu Login/Register.



3. If the user has a registered Bharatkosh account, they will enter the username and password and click on "submit" button to login



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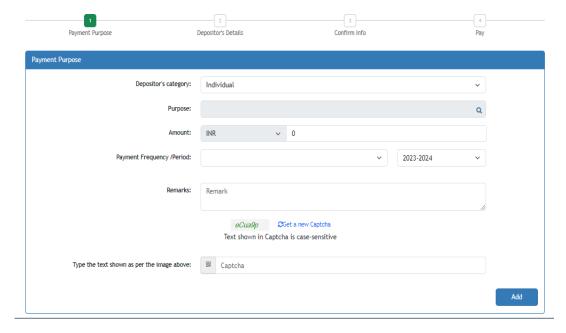
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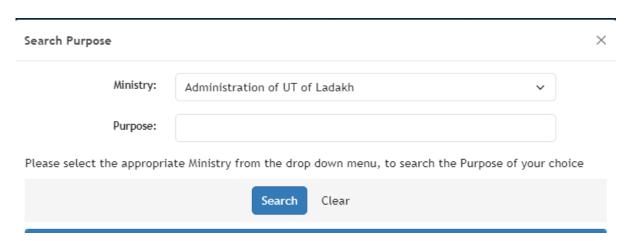
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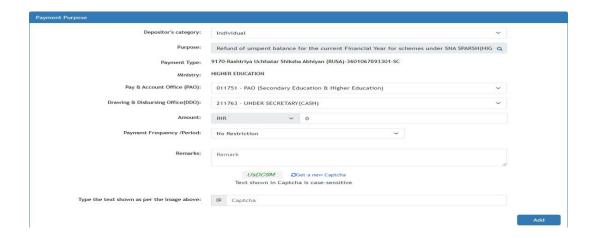
9. On clicking the icon, the following pop-up will open



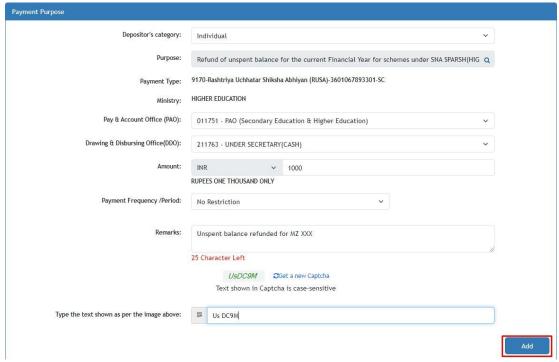
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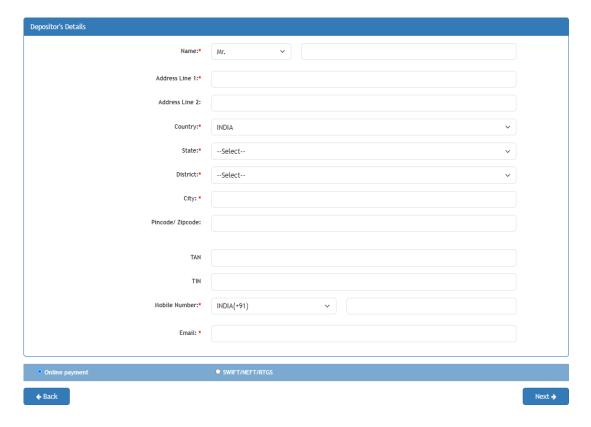


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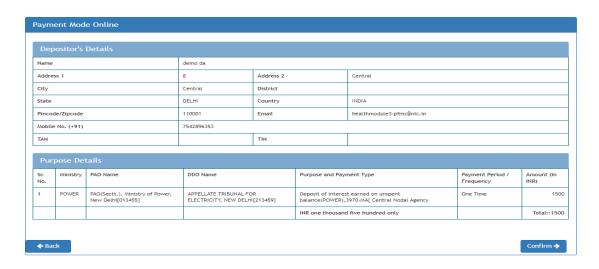
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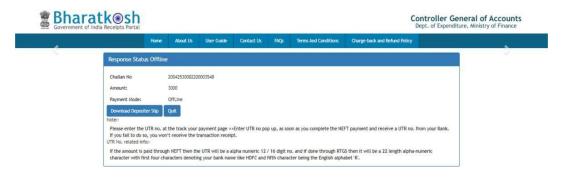
15. On clicking "Next", the following page will open where the user will fill in the depositor details and select the mode of payment as "NEFT/RTGS" only.



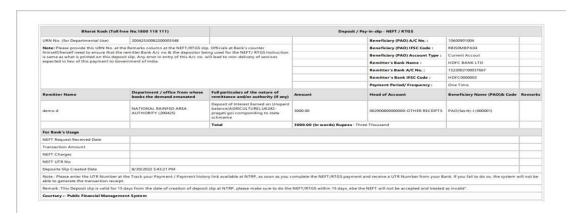
- 16. Name, email ID and mobile number will be pre-filled based on the details entered while creating the Bharatkosh ID. The user will fill in the address and select the desired mode of payment, and click on "Next".
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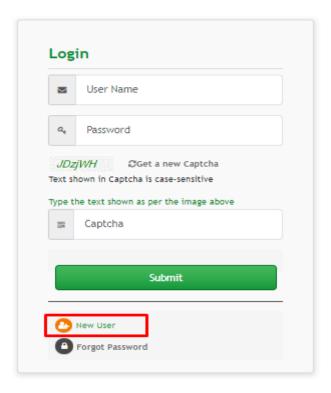


(C) Process for return of unspent balance from the State Treasury Account

- 1. After generating the deposit slip, states shall prepare and send an e-payment file to RBI e-Kuber system with debit details of their concerned treasury account (as decided by State for refunding the undisbursed amount of Central Share)
- 2. The chosen treasury account should be configured for e-payments in e-Kuber system. Any account that does not handle e-payments cannot be configured for e-payments and hence cannot be used.
- 3. The beneficiary details in the e-payment file should be as per the Bharatkosh deposit slip containing the beneficiary account number (which is the CPIN) and NTRP IFSC RBISONTRPER (fifth character is zero). Payment mode in the e-payment file should be NEFT.
- 4. Once the fund has been transferred, the status will be updated as "success" on Bharatkosh after successful reconciliation within 24 hours.

Creation of a new login ID on Bharatkosh

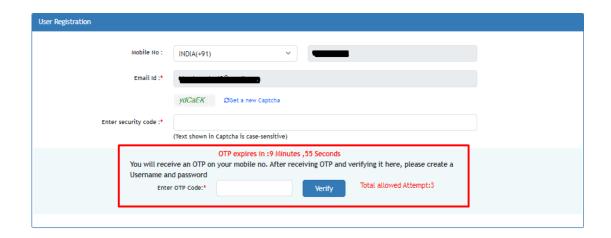
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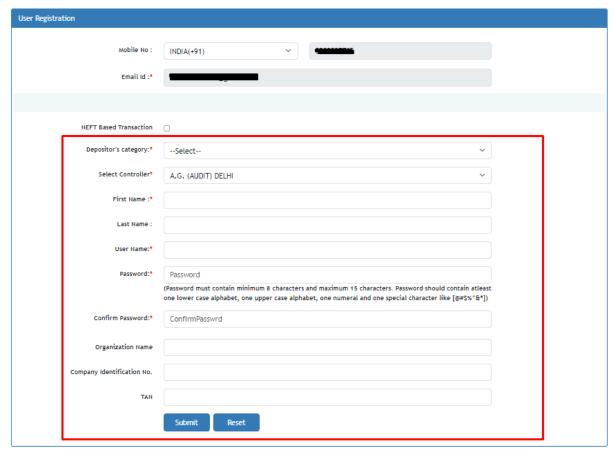
2. On clicking the "New User" hyperlink, a form will open where the user will enter the mobile number, email ID, and captcha and click on the "Send OTP" button



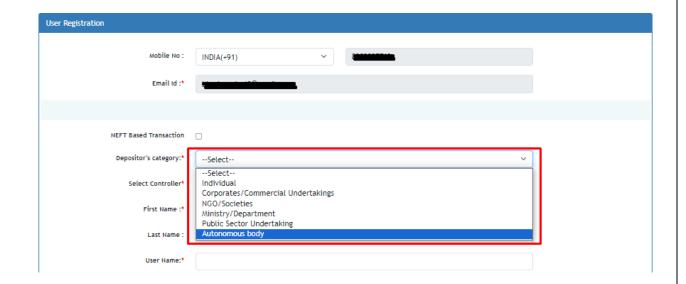
3. On clicking "Send OTP", the following screen shall open where the user will key in the OTP received on the entered email ID OR mobile number and click on the "verify" button.



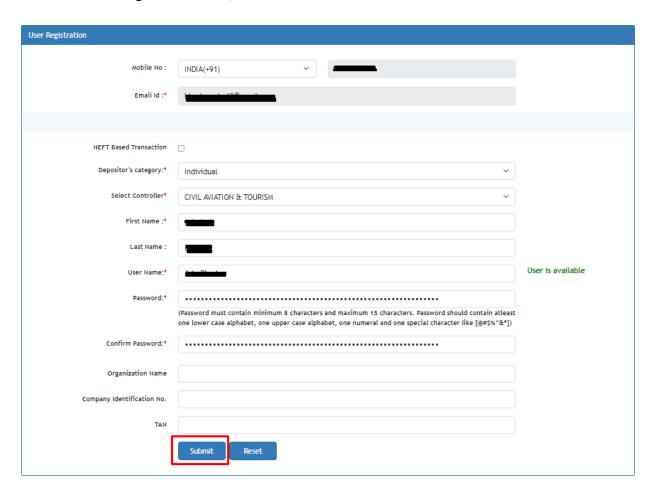
4. On successful verification, the following form will open and the user will fill in the details



- 5. For making payment through NEFT/RTGS mode, the user will click on the checkbox NEFT-based transaction and fill in the details of the account from which the amount will be debited. For the return of unspent balance from the RBI drawing account, the State has to add the details of the treasury account, only enabled for epayment
- 6. The user will select the depositor category from the dropdown at their discretion



7. After filling in the details, the user will click on the "Submit" button



9. On successful submission, the following message will be displayed

