

New financial system to track UP govt fund flow

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Lucknow: Former prime minister late Rajiv Gandhi had once famously said that out of every rupee sent from the government exchequer, only 17 paise reaches the common man. Three decades later, chief minister Aditya Nath Yogi is going to implement a public the financial management system (PMFS) in the state to keep track of every rupee released from the state treasury to the account of the last beneficiary.

The government will track movement of funds from state coffers to the last user or beneficiary, from where it is parked, to where it is delayed and reasons for funds not being utilised, so that action could be taken against errant officers. After the implementation of



PFMS, all the departments will have to open an account through which funds would be channelised.

Most importantly, beneficiaries of social welfare schemes in housing, sanitation, electricity, LPG, scholarships etc will get funds in their accounts speedily. Additional chief secretary and finance commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey told TOI that to ensure proper and timely utilisation of funds in official plans and programmes, the CM decided to implement the PMFS which

would save time and cost overrun seen in projects due to delay in the sanction of funds. Pandey said henceforth, principal secretary, finance, would be able to monitor online the movement of every rupee from the state treasury till it reaches the beneficiaries and the same will be reported to the CM. He said earlier when the finance department released funds to a particular department, it used to get an utilisation certificate. There was no means to track the flow of funds.

Pandey said it was seen that because of poor utilisation, the Centre used to hold back funds till the state's share was spent. But that would not be the case once the PFMS is implemented, he said. Pandey held a meeting with heads of departments and briefed them about the new system.