

NPCI/IMPS/OC No. 23/2013-14

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To,

All Member Banks/Prepaid Payment Instrument Issuers (PPIs) on IMPS

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: IMPS – PPIs on Merchant Payments

Post RBI approval for enabling non-banking RBI Authorized Payment System Providers into IMPS, through a Sponsor Bank, three PPIs are already live on IMPS viz. Oxicash, ITZ Cash and GI Technology while a few others are in the process of development and certification stage to join IMPS.

At present, these PPIs are allowed IMPS- Person-to-Person Funds Transfer facility using Mobile Number/MMID and Account Number/IFSC. PPI holders can remit funds to Bank accounts and currently PPI holders load money into their prepaid cards and can use that for Merchant Payments within the PPI Network.

Several PPIs have raised queries if IMPS Merchant Payments facility could also be availed by PPI as well, using which PPI customer would be able to make payment to merchant acquired by an IMPS Member Bank.

This matter was referred to RBI for their approval. Post approval from RBI, we have to advise that PPI holders can also make payments at merchant establishments using IMPS.

This is for your kind information.

Yours sincerely,

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