## ₹2000 Denomination Banknotes - Withdrawal from Circulation - Review

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had announced the withdrawal of ₹2000 banknotes from circulation vide Press Release 2023-2024/257 dated May 19, 2023. In order to complete the exercise in a time bound manner and to provide adequate time to members of the public, the banks were advised to provide deposit and / or exchange facility for ₹2000 banknotes until September 30, 2023. The exchange facility was also made available at the 19 Regional Offices (ROs) of RBI having Issue Departments (RBI Issue Offices)¹. The RBI has been keeping members of the public informed about the status of the withdrawal exercise through monthly Press Releases.

- 2. According to the data received from banks, of the total value of ₹3.56 lakh crore of ₹2000 banknotes in circulation as on May 19, 2023, ₹3.42 lakh crore has been received back leaving only ₹0.14 lakh crore in circulation as at the close of business on September 29, 2023. Thus, 96% of the ₹2000 banknotes in circulation as on May 19, 2023 has since been returned.
- 3. As the period specified for the withdrawal process has come to an end, and based on a review, it has been decided to extend the current arrangement for deposit / exchange of ₹2000 banknotes until October 07, 2023. With effect from October 08, 2023, the procedure for deposit / exchange of ₹2000 banknotes shall be as under:
- a) The deposit / exchange at bank branches shall be stopped.
- b) ₹2000 banknotes can continue to be exchanged by individuals / entities at the 19 RBI Issue Offices up to a limit of ₹20,000/- at a time.
- c) Individuals / Entities can tender ₹2000 banknotes at the 19 RBI Issue Offices for credit to their bank accounts in India for any amount.
- d) Individuals / Entities from within the country can also send ₹2000 banknotes through India Post, addressed to any of the 19 RBI Issue Offices for credit to their bank accounts in India.
- e) Such exchange or credit shall be subject to relevant RBI / Government regulations, submission of valid identity documents and due diligence as deemed fit by RBI.
- f) Courts, law enforcement agencies, government departments or any other public authority involved in investigation proceedings or enforcement, may, as and when required, deposit / exchange ₹2000 banknotes at any of the 19 RBI Issue Offices without any limit.
- 4. ₹2000 banknotes shall continue to be legal tender.
- 5. The above facility for deposit / exchange of ₹2000 banknotes at the 19 RBI Issue Offices shall be available till further advice.
- 6. Members of the public are advised to deposit / exchange the ₹2000 banknotes without any further delay.
- 7. An updated document on <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</u> in the matter has been hosted on the RBI website for information and convenience of the public.



