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The Chief Executives of all participant members (RTGS/NDS/CFMS)

Dear Sir / Madam,

IT based systems – Business Continuity and DR Operations

Please refer to the [Annual Policy statement](#) of the Governor, Reserve Bank of India, announced on April 21, 2009 ((cf. [paragraph 152](#)).

2. As you would be aware, the Reserve Bank has set up ‘state-of-the-art’ Data Centres, which have appropriate backup facilities so as to ensure that Business Continuity is ensured at all times. To ensure that these systems function effectively, regular Disaster Recovery (DR) exercises are conducted by the Reserve Bank in which all participants are expected to participate from their DR sites.

3. We once again reiterate the need for all participants to put in place necessary backup sites for their critical payment systems which interact with the systems at the Data Centres of the Reserve Bank. All participants are advised to participate in the DR drills as and when requested for by the Reserve Bank.

4. Please ensure full compliance to the above.

Yours faithfully,

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(A M Pedgaonkar)

Chief General Manager-in-Charge