

₹2000 Denomination Banknotes withdrawn from Circulation by RBI; However, it will continue as Legal Tender

RBI announced withdrawal of ₹2000 banknote from the circulation and encouraged public to deposit/exchange upto September 30, 2023. RBI said in a Press Release dated May 19, 2023, "the ₹2000 denomination banknote was introduced in November 2016 under Section 24(1) of RBI Act, 1934 primarily with the objective to meet the currency requirement of the economy in an expeditious manner after withdrawal of the legal tender status of all ₹500 and ₹1000 banknotes in circulation at that time. With fulfillment of the objective printing of ₹2000 banknotes was stopped in 2018-19.

RBI has observed that, this denomination is not commonly used for transactions in market. Further, the stock of banknotes in other denominations is meeting adequate currency requirement of the public. Therefore, it has been decided that, in pursuance of the "Clean Note Policy" of the Reserve Bank of India, the ₹2000 denomination banknotes shall be withdrawn from circulation, however it will be continuing to be legal tender".





In view of the above, main points of the release are under:

- The **facility for deposit and/or exchange of ₹2000 banknotes shall be available for members of the public up to September 30, 2023.**
- Members of the public can exchange ₹2000 banknotes **upto a limit of ₹20,000/- at a time.**
- A **non-account holder also can exchange ₹2000 banknotes** up to a limit of ₹20,000/- at a time at any bank branch.
- The exchange facility shall be provided **free of cost** etc.

For more details, please refer to **RBI Press Release dated 19th May 2023**. RBI has further released set of FAQs' (frequently asked questions) dated 19th May 2023 giving clarification on the withdrawal of ₹2000 banknotes.

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