

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NORMS FOR NFC CARDS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to make low-value card payment simpler by withdrawing the additional factor authentication requirement for payment cards with Near Field Communication (NFC) technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the banks have introduced NFC cards in tie ups with metro transport authorities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that it has placed on its website a draft circular on "Removal of requirement of additional Factor of Authentication for small value card present transactions" on March 13, 2015 for seeking feedback / comments from the public till April 04, 2015. The draft instructions relate to relaxation of Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) for small value card present transactions done using contact-less card payments using Near Field Communication (NFC) only. RBI has further informed that It has received a proposal from Axis Bank which has won the bid of Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc) for issuance of Europay, MasterCard, and Visa (EMV) prepaid smart card (dual interface supporting both contact / contact-less payments).