WhatsApp Gets OK to Extend Payments in India

National Payments Corp. of India gave WhatsApp the green light to extend its Payments feature to up to 20 million people in the country.

The Facebook-owned messaging application can offer Payments via NPCI’s Unified Payments Interface multi-bank model.

WhatsApp began testing Payments in India with roughly 1 million users in early 2018.

The company had not responded to a request for comment at the time of this post.

WhatsApp touted the first countrywide rollout of its Payments service in Brazil in June, saying at the time that payments, enabled by Facebook Pay, could be made securely without leaving the app, and a special six-digit PIN or fingerprint would be required in order to prevent unauthorized transactions.

However, that service was put on hold before month’s end by Banco Central do Brasil.

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