

The RBI Circular - [DPSS.CO.CHD.No. 1832/01.07.05/2009-10](#) dated 22nd February 2010, says:

"Prohibiting alterations / corrections on cheques :

No changes / corrections should be carried out on the cheques (other than for date validation purposes, if required). For any change in the payee's name, courtesy amount (amount in figures) or legal amount (amount in words), etc., fresh cheque forms should be used by customers. This would help banks to identify and control fraudulent alterations. "

Henceforth, banks can return cheques which have any alteration in the

- Payee Name
- Amount in numbers
- Amount in words

The only alteration which is allowed is the alteration in the date.