



# NEWSLETTER <sup>Weekly</sup>

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## RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

### **1. Remittances to International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)**

Reserve Bank of India, under sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) vide notification dated 22.06.2023, directed that Authorised Persons may facilitate remittances by resident individuals under purpose 'studies abroad' as mentioned in Schedule III of Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transactions) Rules, 2000 for payment of fees to foreign universities or foreign institutions in IFSCs for pursuing courses mentioned in the gazette notification.

Notification can be accessed from here:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12518&Mode=0>

### **2. Status of MIFOR as a Significant Benchmark**

Reserve Bank of India, vide notification dated 23.06.2023, notified inter-alia, the financial benchmarks administered by Financial Benchmarks India Pvt. Ltd. (FBIL) viz., Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MIFOR) and Modified Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MMIFOR) as 'significant benchmarks'.

Notification can be accessed from here:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12519&Mode=0>

### **3. Portfolios of Deputy Governors**

Reserve Bank of India, vide press-release dated 21.06.2023, releases the list of portfolios of Deputy Governors.

Notification can be accessed from here:

[https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS\\_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55896](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55896)

### **4. Minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee Meeting, June 6 to 8, 2023**

Reserve Bank of India, vide its press release dated 22.06.2023, gave minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Monetary Policy Meeting. The MPC reviewed the surveys conducted by the Reserve Bank to gauge consumer confidence, households' inflation expectations, corporate sector performance, credit conditions, the outlook for the industrial, services and infrastructure sectors, and the projections of professional forecasters. The MPC also reviewed in detail the staff's macroeconomic projections, and alternative scenarios around various risks to

the outlook. Drawing on the above and after extensive discussions on the stance of monetary policy, the MPC adopted the resolution therein.

Notification can be accessed from here:

[https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS\\_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55899](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55899)

## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA**

### **1. Trading supported by Blocked Amount in Secondary Market**

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, read with Section 10 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 vide notification dated 23.06.2023, decided to introduce a supplementary process for trading in secondary market based on blocked funds in investor's bank account, instead of transferring them upfront to the trading member, thereby providing enhanced protection of cash collateral. The said facility shall be provided by integrating Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved Unified Payments Interface (UPI) mandate service of single-block-and-multiple-debits with the secondary market trading and settlement process and hereinafter referred as 'UPI block facility' and gave feature of the framework.

Circular can be accessed from here:

[https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/trading-supported-by-blocked-amount-in-secondary-market\\_73071.html](https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/trading-supported-by-blocked-amount-in-secondary-market_73071.html)

### **2. Standardised approach to valuation of investment portfolio of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)**

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 vide notification dated 21.06.2023, standardised approach to valuation of investment portfolio of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) by giving the manner of valuation, responsibility etc.

Circular can be accessed from here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/standardised-approach-to-valuation-of-investment-portfolio-of-alternative-investment-funds-aifs-72924.html>

### **3. Modalities for launching Liquidation Scheme and for distributing the investments of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) in-specie**

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 vide notification dated 21.06.2023, provided flexibility to AIFs to deal with investments of their schemes which are not sold due to lack of liquidity during the winding up process, by either selling such investments to a new scheme of the same AIF ('Liquidation Scheme') or distributing such unliquidated investments in-specie.

Circular can be accessed from here:

[https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/modalities-for-launching-liquidation-scheme-and-for-distributing-the-investments-of-alternative-investment-funds-aifs-in-specie\\_72922.html](https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/modalities-for-launching-liquidation-scheme-and-for-distributing-the-investments-of-alternative-investment-funds-aifs-in-specie_72922.html)

#### 4. Issuance of units of AIFs in dematerialised form

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11 (1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 vide notification dated 21.06.2023, amended the earlier circular related to dematerialisation of AIFs and provided with certain requirements.

Circular can be accessed from here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/issuance-of-units-of-aifs-in-dematerialised-form-72921.html>

#### **MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

Ministry of Finance vide notification dated 21.06.2023 in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) read with sub-section (4) of section 8 of The Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Central Government hereby appoints Shri Swaminathan Janakiraman (DoB: 4.2.1964), Managing Director, State Bank of India to the post of Deputy Governor (DG), Reserve Bank of India, for a period of three years from the date of joining the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Notification can be accessed here:

[https://financialservices.gov.in/sites/default/files/English%20Swaminathan%20Janakiraman\\_0.pdf](https://financialservices.gov.in/sites/default/files/English%20Swaminathan%20Janakiraman_0.pdf)

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