

**BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA
SETTLEMENT ORDER NO. PM/AB/2019-20/003**

SETTLEMENT ORDER

On the Application No. 3795 of 2018 submitted by Shri V. Arvindkumar Iyengar

1. Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as '**SEBI**'), has initiated adjudication proceedings on July 20, 2017 against Shri V. Arindkumar Iyengar (hereinafter referred to as 'Applicant/Noticee') under Section 15-I read with Section 19 of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as 'SEBI Act') for alleged violation of regulation 13(4) r/w 13(5) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as "**PIT Regulations, 1992**").
2. The undersigned has been appointed as Adjudicating Officer, vide Order dated July 26, 2017 (communicated to the Adjudicating Officer vide communique dated September 6, 2017) under Section 15-I of SEBI Act read with Rule 3 of SEBI (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties by Adjudicating Officer) Rules, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as 'Adjudication Rules') to inquire into and adjudge under the provisions of Sections 15A(b) of the SEBI Act for the aforesaid alleged violations.
3. Show Cause Notices dated December 15, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'SCN') was issued to the Noticee. In the SCN, it was alleged that the Noticee had failed to make disclosures under regulation 13(4) r/w 13(5) of the PIT Regulations, 1992. It was alleged that 10 transactions took place which warranted 7 disclosures under Reg. 13(4) r/w 13(5) of PIT Regulations, 1992. However, the Noticee failed to make any disclosure

about any of these transactions. Thus, it was alleged that the Noticee had violated aforesaid provisions of PIT Regulations, 1992.

4. While the adjudication proceedings were initiated, the Noticee submitted Application for settlement of the proceedings, in terms of SEBI (Settlement of Administrative and Civil Proceedings) Regulations, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as '**Settlement Regulations, 2014**').
5. Thereafter, the Noticee had a meeting with the Internal Committee (IC) of SEBI on March 7, 2019.
6. The settlement terms as proposed by the Noticee was considered by the Internal Committee and placed before the High Powered Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as '**HPAC**') on March 29, 2019. After considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the HPAC recommended that the case may be settled by the Noticee on payment of Rs 15,34,463/-, which was subsequently approved by the panel of Whole Time Members of SEBI.
7. Accordingly, the Noticee has remitted consolidated settlement amount of Rs 15,34,463/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Three Only) vide Demand Draft bearing No. 37599 dated May 15, 2019 drawn on ICICI Bank favoring Securities and Exchange Board of India towards the terms of settlement in the matter.
8. Now, therefore, in view of the acceptance of the settlement terms as proposed by the Noticee and receipt of Demand Draft as above by SEBI, the pending adjudication proceedings initiated against the Noticee on July 20, 2017 is disposed of in terms of Regulation 23(1) of SEBI (Settlement

Proceedings) Regulations, 2018 (hereinafter referred to as '**Settlement Regulations, 2018**').

9. This order is without prejudice to the right of SEBI to take enforcement actions including commencing / re-opening of the pending proceedings against the Noticee, if SEBI finds that:
 - a. any representation made by the Noticee in the settlement proceedings are subsequently discovered to be untrue.
 - b. the Noticee has breached any of the clauses / conditions of undertakings / waivers filed during the current settlement proceedings.
10. This settlement order passed on this 31st day of May, 2019 shall come into force with immediate effect.
11. In terms of Regulation 25 of the Settlement Regulations, 2018 a copy of this order is being sent to the Applicants / Noticees and for publication on the website of Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Date: May 31, 2019
Place: MUMBAI

PRASANTA MAHAPATRA
ADJUDICATING OFFICER