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(excluding Regional Rural Banks)**

Dear Sir,

**Master Circular – Prudential Norms for Classification, Valuation  
and Operation of Investment Portfolio by Banks**

Please refer to the [Master Circular No. DBOD.BP.BC.20/21.04.141/2014-15 dated July 1, 2014](#), containing consolidated instructions/guidelines issued to banks till June 30, 2014, on matters relating to prudential norms for classification, valuation and operation of investment portfolio by banks. This Master Circular consolidates instructions on the above matters issued up to June 30, 2015.

Yours faithfully,

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**Annex**

**MASTER CIRCULAR – PRUDENTIAL NORMS FOR CLASSIFICATION,  
VALUATION AND OPERATION OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO BY BANKS**

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# **MASTER CIRCULAR – PRUDENTIAL NORMS FOR CLASSIFICATION, VALUATION AND OPERATION OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO BY BANKS**

## **1. Introduction**

The Reserve Bank of India issues guidelines for the investment portfolio of the banks, keeping in view the developments in the financial markets and taking into consideration the evolving international practices. This Master Circular consolidates the guidelines/circulars issued by the Reserve Bank of India on prudential norms for classification, valuation and operation of investment portfolio by banks.

### **1.1 Investment Policy**

(i) Banks should frame Internal Investment Policy Guidelines and obtain the Board's approval. The investment policy may be suitably framed/ amended to include Primary Dealer (PD) activities also. Within the overall framework of the investment policy, the PD business undertaken by the bank will be limited to dealing, underwriting and market-making in Government Securities. Investments in Corporate/PSU/FI bonds, Commercial Papers, Certificate of Deposits, debt mutual funds and other fixed income securities will not be deemed to be part of PD business. The investment policy guidelines should be implemented to ensure that operations in securities are conducted in accordance with sound and acceptable business practices. While framing the investment policy, the following guidelines are to be kept in view by the banks:

- (a) Banks may sell a government security already contracted for purchase, provided:
  - (i) The purchase contract is confirmed prior to the sale,
  - (ii) The purchase contract is guaranteed by Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL) or the security is contracted for purchase from the Reserve Bank and,
  - (iii) The sale transaction will settle either in the same settlement cycle as the preceding purchase contract, or in a subsequent settlement cycle so that the delivery obligation under the sale contract is met by the securities acquired under the purchase contract (e.g., when a security is purchased on T+0 basis, it can be sold on either T+0 or T+1 basis on the day of the purchase; if however it is purchased on T+1 basis, it can be sold on T+1 basis on the day of purchase or on T+0 or T+1 basis on the next day).

For purchase of securities from the Reserve Bank through Open Market Operations (OMO), no sale transactions should be contracted prior to receiving the confirmation of the deal/advice of allotment from the Reserve Bank.

- In addition to the above, the Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) (other than RRBs and LABs) and PDs have been permitted to short sell Government securities in accordance with the requirements specified in **Annex I-A**.
- Further, the NDS-OM members have been permitted to transact on 'When Issued' basis in Central Government dated securities, subject to the guidelines specified in **Annex I-B**.

(b) Banks successful in the auction of primary issue of Government Securities may enter into contracts for sale of the allotted securities in accordance with the terms and conditions as per **Annex I-C**.

(c) The settlement of all outright secondary market transactions in Government Securities is being done on a standardised T+1 basis effective May 24, 2005. Settlements on T+2 basis is permitted for outright secondary market transactions in Government Securities undertaken by FPIs and reported on NDS-OM, subject to following conditions:

- (i) All sale and purchase transactions in Government securities, where at least one of the parties is an FPI, will be settled only on T+2 basis. These will include deals between a domestic entity and an FPI, deals between two FPIs of different custodians, deals between a custodian and its FPI Gilt Account Holder, and deals between two FPI Gilt account Holders of the same custodian.
- (ii) All other trades not involving an FPI will continue to settle on T+1 basis.
- (iii) Custodian bank of the FPI selling the security or the counterparty entity selling the security to the FPI will have to report the deal on trade date itself within the prescribed reporting time.
- (iv) Custodian bank of the FPI buying the security can report the deal till next business day upto prescribed reporting time.

Guidelines on DVP III settlement issued vide [circular IDMD.PDRS.05/10.02.01/2003-04 dated March 29, 2004](#) and as updated from time to time shall continue to apply for such transactions settled on T+2 basis.

(d) All the transactions put through by a bank, either on outright basis or ready forward basis and whether through the mechanism of Subsidiary General Ledger (SGL) Account or Bank Receipt (BR), should be reflected on the same day in its investment account and, accordingly, for SLR purpose wherever applicable. With a view to bringing in uniformity in the methodology of accounting for investments in Government securities, banks should follow 'Settlement Date' accounting for recording purchase and sale of transactions in Government Securities.

(e) The banks should be circumspect while acting as agents of their broker clients for carrying out transactions in securities on behalf of brokers.

(f) Any instance of return of SGL from the Public Debt Office (PDO) of the Reserve Bank for want of sufficient balance in the account should be immediately brought to the Reserve Bank's notice with the details of the transactions.

(g) Banks desirous of making investment in equity shares/ debentures should observe the following guidelines:

(i) Build up adequate expertise in equity research by establishing a dedicated equity research department, as warranted by their scale of operations;

(ii) Formulate a transparent policy and procedure for investment in shares, etc., with the approval of the Board; and

(iii) The decision in regard to direct investment in shares, convertible bonds and debentures should be taken by the Investment Committee set up by the bank's Board. The Investment Committee should be held accountable for the investments made by the bank.

(ii) Banks should clearly lay down the broad investment objectives to be followed while undertaking transactions in securities on their own investment account and on behalf of clients, clearly define the authority to put through deals, procedure to be followed for obtaining the sanction of the appropriate authority, procedure to be followed while putting through deals, various prudential exposure limits and the reporting system. While laying down such investment policy guidelines, banks should obtain the approval of respective Boards and strictly observe Reserve Bank's detailed instructions on the following aspects:

- a. STRIPS (Paragraph 1.1.1)
- b. Ready Forward (buy back) deals in G-Sec (Paragraph 1.1.2)
- c. Transactions through Subsidiary General Ledger A/c (Paragraph 1.1.3)
- d. Use of Bank Receipts (Paragraph 1.1.4)
- e. Retailing of Government Securities (Paragraph 1.1.5)
- f. Internal Control System (Paragraph 1.1.6)
- g. Dealings through Brokers (Paragraph 1.1.7)
- h. Audit, Review and Reporting (Paragraph 1.1.8)

**(iii)** The aforesaid instructions will be applicable mutatis mutandis, to the subsidiaries and mutual funds established by banks, except where they are contrary to or inconsistent with specific regulations of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Reserve Bank, governing their operations.

### **1.1.1 STRIPS**

STRIPS stands for Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal Securities. Stripping is a process of converting periodic coupon payments of an existing Government Security into tradable zero-coupon securities, which will usually trade in the market at a discount and are redeemed at face value. For instance, stripping a five-year Government Security would yield 10 coupon securities (representing the coupons), maturing on the respective coupon dates and one principal security representing the principal amount, maturing on the redemption date of the five-year security. Reconstitution is the reverse process of stripping, where, the Coupon STRIPS and Principal STRIPS are reassembled into the original Government Security. Detailed guidelines outlining the process of stripping/reconstitution and other operational procedures regarding transactions in STRIPS are given in **Annex I-D**.

### **1.1.2 Ready Forward Contracts in Government Securities.**

The terms and conditions subject to which ready forward contracts (including reverse ready forward contracts) may be entered into are as under:

- (a)** Ready forward contracts may be undertaken only in (i) Dated Securities and Treasury Bills issued by Government of India and (ii) Dated Securities issued by State Governments.
- (b)** Ready forward contracts in the above-mentioned securities may be entered into by:
  - (i) persons or entities maintaining a Subsidiary General Ledger (SGL) account with RBI, Mumbai and
  - (ii) the following categories of entities who do not maintain SGL accounts with the

Reserve Bank but maintain gilt accounts (i.e gilt account holders) with a bank or any other entity (i.e. the custodian) permitted by the Reserve Bank to maintain Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger (CSGL) account with its PDO, Mumbai:

- (a) Any scheduled bank,
- (b) Any PD authorised by the Reserve Bank,
- (c) Any Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) registered with the Reserve Bank, other than Government Companies as defined in Section 617 of the Companies Act, 1956,
- (d) Any mutual fund registered with the SEBI,
- (e) Any housing finance company registered with the National Housing Bank (NHB),
- (f) Any insurance company registered with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA),
- (g) Any non-scheduled Urban Co-operative bank,
- (h) Any listed company, having a gilt account with a SCB, subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) The minimum period for Reverse Repo (lending of funds) by listed companies is seven days. However, listed companies can borrow funds through repo for shorter periods including overnight;
  - (2) Where the listed company is a 'buyer' of securities in the first leg of the repo contract (i.e. lender of funds), the custodian through which the repo transaction is settled should block these securities in the gilt account and ensure that these securities are not further sold or re-repoed during the repo period but are held for delivery under the second leg; and
  - (3) The counterparty to the listed companies for repo / reverse repo transactions should be either a bank or a PD maintaining SGL Account with the Reserve Bank.
- (i) Any unlisted company which has been issued special securities by the Government of India and having gilt account with a SCB; subject to the following conditions in addition to the conditions stipulated for listed company:
  - (1) The eligible unlisted companies can enter into ready forward transactions as the borrower of funds in the first leg of the repo contract only against the collateral of the special securities issued to them by the Government of India; and
  - (2) The counterparty to the eligible unlisted companies for repo transactions should be either a bank or a PD maintaining SGL account with the Reserve Bank.

- (c)** All persons or entities specified at b ii) above can enter into ready forward transactions among themselves subject to the following restrictions:

- (i) An SGL account holder may not enter into a ready forward contract with its own constituent. That is, ready forward contracts should not be undertaken between a custodian and its gilt account holder,

(ii) Any two gilt account holders maintaining their gilt accounts with the same custodian (i.e., the CSGL account holder) may not enter into ready forward contracts with each other, and

(iii) Cooperative banks may not enter into ready forward contracts with NBFCs. This restriction would not apply to repo transactions between Urban Co-operative banks and authorised PDs in Government Securities.

**(d)** All ready forward contracts shall be reported on the Negotiated Dealing System (NDS). In respect of ready forward contracts involving gilt account holders, the custodian (i.e., the CSGL account holder) with whom the gilt accounts are maintained will be responsible for reporting the deals on the NDS on behalf of the constituents (i.e. the gilt account holders).

**(e)** All ready forward contracts shall be settled through the SGL Account/CSGL Account maintained with the RBI, Mumbai, with the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL) acting as the central counter party for all such ready forward transactions.

**(f)** The custodians should put in place an effective system of internal control and concurrent audit to ensure that:

(i) ready forward transactions are undertaken only against the clear balance of securities in the gilt account,

(ii) all such transactions are promptly reported on the NDS, and

(iii) other terms and conditions referred to above have been complied with.

**(g)** The RBI regulated entities can undertake ready forward transactions only in securities held in excess of the prescribed Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) requirements.

**(h)** No sale transaction shall be put through, in the first leg of a ready forward transaction by CSGL constituent entities without actually holding the securities in the portfolio.

**(i)** Re-repo is permitted in government securities, including state development loans and Treasury Bills, acquired under reverse repo, subject to following conditions:

(i) Scheduled commercial banks and Primary Dealers (PDs) maintaining subsidiary general ledger (SGL) account with the Reserve Bank of India will be permitted to re-repo the securities acquired under reverse repo;

(ii) Mutual Funds and Insurance Companies maintaining SGL account with the Reserve Bank will also be permitted to re-repo the securities acquired under reverse repo, subject to the approval of the regulators concerned;

- (iii) Re-repo of securities can be undertaken only after receipt of confirmation / matching of first leg of repo transaction;
- (iv) Re-repo period should not exceed the residual period of the initial repo;
- (v) Eligible entities undertaking re-repo transactions should 'flag' the transactions as a re-repo on the authorised reporting platform. Participants may review their systems and controls to ensure strict compliance with the requirement of reporting of re-repo transactions.
- (vi) All repo / re-repo transactions should be subject to internal audit and concurrent audit. Violation of the regulatory guidelines, if any, may be brought to the notice of Chief General Manager, Financial Markets Regulation Department, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai.
- (vii) Default in payment of cash or delivery of security shall be viewed seriously and subject to penal measures as prescribed in RBI [circular IDMD.DOD.17/11.01.01\(B\)/2010-11 dated July 14, 2010](#), as amended from time to time. Reserve Bank may also take any action including temporary or permanent debarment of the SGL account holder from the repo market as it may deem fit, for violation / circumvention of the regulatory guidelines or if Reserve Bank is of the view that the entity has attempted to manipulate the market, involved in market abuse, or provided information that was incorrect, inaccurate, or incomplete.
- (viii) These guidelines are not applicable to repo transactions executed with the Reserve Bank as counterparty.
- (ix) All eligible entities are also required to adhere to the prudential guidelines prescribed by their respective regulators from time to time for undertaking repo transactions.

**(j)** Securities purchased under the ready forward contracts shall not be sold during the period of the contract except by entities permitted to undertake short selling.

**(k)** Double ready forward deals in any security are strictly prohibited.

**(l)** The guidelines for uniform accounting for Repo / Reverse Repo transactions are furnished in paragraph 4.

### **1.1.3 Transactions through SGL account**

The following instructions should be followed by banks for purchase / sale of securities through SGL A/c, under the Delivery Versus Payment System wherein the transfer of securities takes

place simultaneously with the transfer of funds. It is, therefore, necessary for both the selling bank and the buying bank to maintain current account with the Reserve Bank. As no 'Overdraft facility' in the current account would be extended, adequate balance in current account should be maintained by banks for effecting any purchase transaction.

(i) All transactions in Government Securities for which SGL facility is available should be put through SGL account only.

(ii) Under no circumstances, a SGL transfer form issued by a bank in favour of another bank should bounce for want of sufficient balance of securities in the SGL A/c of seller or for want of sufficient balance of funds in the current a/c of the buyer.

(iii) The SGL transfer form received by purchasing banks should be deposited in their SGL account immediately, i.e., the date of lodgment of the SGL Form with the Reserve Bank shall be within one working day after the date of signing of the Transfer Form. While in cases of OTC trades, the settlement has to be only on 'spot' delivery basis as per Section 2(i) of the Securities Contracts (Regulations) Act, 1956, in cases of deals on the recognised Stock Exchanges, settlement should be within the delivery period as per their rules, bye laws and regulations. In all the cases, participants must indicate the deal/trade/contract date in Part C of the SGL Form under 'Sale date'. Where this is not completed, the SGL Form will not be accepted by the Reserve Bank.

(iv) No sale should be effected by way of return of SGL form held by the bank.

(v) SGL transfer forms should be signed by two authorised officials of the bank whose signatures should be recorded with the respective PDOs of the Reserve Bank and other banks.

(vi) The SGL transfer forms should be in the standard format prescribed by the Reserve Bank and printed on semi-security paper of uniform size. They should be serially numbered and there should be a control system in place to account for each SGL form.

(vii) Records of SGL transfer forms issued/ received should be maintained.

(viii) If a SGL transfer form bounces for want of sufficient balance in the SGL A/c, the (selling) bank which has issued the form will be liable to the following penal action against it :

(a) The amount of the SGL form (cost of purchase paid by the purchaser of the security) would be debited immediately to the current account of the selling bank with the Reserve Bank.

- (b) In the event of an overdraft arising in the current account following such a debit, penal interest would be charged by the Reserve Bank, on the amount of the overdraft, at a rate of 3 percentage points above the SBI Discount and Finance House of India's (SBIDFHI) call money lending rate on the day in question. However, if the SBIDFHI's closing call money rate is lower than the prime lending rate of banks, as stipulated in the Reserve Bank's interest rate directive in force, the applicable penal rate to be charged will be 3 percentage points, above the prime lending rate of the bank concerned, and
- (c) SGL bouncing shall mean failure of settlement of a Government Securities transaction on account of insufficiency of funds in the current account of the buyer or insufficiency of securities in the SGL / CSGL account of the seller, maintained with the Reserve Bank. In the event of bouncing of SGL transfer forms and the failure of the account holder concerned to offer satisfactory explanation for such bouncing, the account holder shall be liable to pay penalties as under:

(i) Graded monetary penalties subject to a *maximum penalty of Rs.5 lakhs* per instance;

Sl. No	Applicable to	Monetary penalty	<i>Illustration [Penal amount on Rs.5 crore default]</i>
1	First three defaults in a financial year (April to March)	0.10% (10 paise per Rs.100 FV)	Rs.50,000/-
2	Next three defaults in the same financial year	0.25% (25 paise per Rs.100 FV.)	Rs.1,25,000/-
3	Next three defaults in the same financial year	0.50% (50 paise per Rs.100 FV)	Rs.2,50,000/-

(ii) On the tenth default in a financial year, the eligible entities will be debarred from using the SGL A/c for undertaking short sales in Government Securities even to the extent permissible under [circular IDMD.No/ 11.01.01\(B\)/2006-07 dated January 31, 2007](#) as amended from time to time, during the remaining portion of the financial year. In the next financial year, upon being satisfied that the a/c holder in question has effected improvements in its internal control systems, the Reserve Bank may grant specific approval for undertaking short sales by using the SGL A/c facility.

(iii)The monetary penalty may be paid by the account holder concerned by way of a cheque or through electronic mode for the amount favouring the Reserve Bank, within five working days of receipt of intimation of order imposing penalty from the Reserve Bank.

(d) Any bouncing of SGL transfer forms issued by selling banks in favour of the buying bank should immediately be brought to the notice of the Regional Office of DBS of the Reserve Bank by the buying bank.

**(ix)** The defaulting member shall make appropriate disclosure, on the number of instances of default as well as the quantum of penalty paid to the Reserve Bank during the financial year, under the "Notes to Account" in its balance sheet.

**(x)** The Reserve Bank reserves the right to take any action including temporary or permanent debarment of the SGL account holder, in accordance with the powers conferred under the Government Securities Act, 2006 as it may deem fit, for violation of the terms and conditions of the opening and maintenance of SGL/ CSGL accounts or breach of the operational guidelines issued from time to time.

#### **1.1.4 Use of Bank Receipt (BR)**

The banks should follow the following instructions for issue of BRs:

**(a)** No BR should be issued under any circumstances in respect of transactions in Government Securities for which SGL facility is available.

**(b)** Even in the case of other securities, BR may be issued for ready transactions only, under the following circumstances:

(i) The scrips are yet to be issued by the issuer and the bank is holding the allotment advice.

(ii) The security is physically held at a different centre and the bank is in a position to physically transfer the security and give delivery thereof within a short period.

(iii) The security has been lodged for transfer / interest payment and the bank is holding necessary records of such lodgments and will be in a position to give physical delivery of the security within a short period.

**(c)** No BR should be issued on the basis of a BR (of another bank) held by the bank and no transaction should take place on the basis of a mere exchange of BRs held by the bank.

**(d)** BRs could be issued covering transactions relating to banks' own Investments Accounts only, and no BR should be issued by banks covering transactions relating to either the Accounts of Portfolio Management Scheme (PMS) Clients or Other Constituents' Accounts, including brokers.

- (e) No BR should remain outstanding for more than 15 days.
- (f) A BR should be redeemed only by actual delivery of scrips and not by cancellation of the transaction/ set off against another transaction. If a BR is not redeemed by delivery of scrips within the validity period of 15 days, the BR should be deemed as dishonoured and the bank which has issued the BR should refer the case to the Reserve Bank, explaining the reasons for which the scrips could not be delivered within the stipulated period and the proposed manner of settlement of the transaction.
- (g) BRs should be issued on semi-security paper, in the standard format (prescribed by IBA), serially numbered and signed by two authorised officials of the bank, whose signatures are recorded with other banks. As in the case of SGL forms, there should be a control system in place to account for each BR form.
- (h) Separate registers of BRs issued and BRs received should be maintained and arrangements should be put in place to ensure that these are systematically followed up and liquidated within the stipulated time limit.
- (i) The banks should also have a proper system for the custody of unused BR Forms and their utilisation. The existence and operations of these controls at the concerned offices/ departments of the bank should be reviewed, among others, by the statutory auditors and a certificate to this effect may be forwarded every year to the Regional Office of Department of Banking Supervision (DBS), RBI, under whose jurisdiction the Head Office of the bank is located.
- (j) Any violation of the instructions relating to BRs would invite penal action, which could include raising of reserve requirements, withdrawals of refinance facility from the Reserve Bank and denial of access to money markets. The Reserve Bank may also levy such other penalty as it may deem fit in accordance with the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

#### **1.1.5 Retailing of Government Securities**

The banks may undertake retailing of Government Securities with non-bank clients subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Such retailing should be on outright basis and there is no restriction on the period between sale and purchase.
- (ii) The retailing of Government Securities should be on the basis of ongoing market rates/ yield curve emerging out of secondary market transactions.

### **1.1.6 Internal Control System**

The banks should observe the following guidelines for internal control system in respect of investment transactions:

- (a)** There should be a clear functional separation of (i) trading, (ii) settlement, monitoring and control and (iii) accounting. Similarly, there should be a functional separation of trading and back office functions relating to banks' own Investment Accounts, Portfolio Management Scheme (PMS) Clients' Accounts and other Constituents (including brokers') accounts. The Portfolio Management service may be provided to clients, subject to strictly following the guidelines in regard thereto (covered in Master Circular – Para-Banking Activities). Further, PMS Clients Accounts should be subjected to a separate audit by external auditors.
- (b)** In the interest of maintaining integrity and orderly conditions in the government securities market, all SGL/CSGL account holders should adhere to the FIMMDA code of conduct while executing trades on NDS-OM and in the OTC market.
- (c)** For every transaction entered into, the trading desk should prepare a deal slip which should contain data relating to nature of the deal, name of the counter-party, whether it is a direct deal or through a broker, and if through a broker, name of the broker, details of security, amount, price, contract date and time. The deal slips should be serially numbered and controlled separately to ensure that each deal slip has been properly accounted for. Once the deal is concluded, the dealer should immediately pass on the deal slip to the back office for recording and processing.
- (d)** For each deal there must be a system of issue of confirmation to the counterparty. The timely receipt of requisite written confirmation from the counterparty, which must include all essential details of the contract, should be monitored by the back office.
- (e)** With respect to transactions matched on the NDS-OM module, since CCIL is the central counterparty to all deals, exposure of any counterparty for a trade is only to CCIL and not to the entity with whom a deal matches. Besides, details of all deals on NDS-OM are available to the counterparties as and when required by way of reports on NDS-OM itself. In view of the above, the need for counterparty confirmation of deals matched on NDS-OM does not arise. The deals in Government Security transactions in OTC market that are mandated to be settled through CCIL by reporting on the NDS, are not required to be confirmed physically as OTC deals depend on electronic confirmation by the back offices of both the counterparties on NDS system like the NDS-OM deals.

However, all Government Securities transactions, other than those mentioned above, will continue to be physically confirmed by the back offices of the counterparties, as hitherto.

(f) Banks are required to report OTC trades in Commercial Papers (CPs) and Certificate of Deposits (CDs) and OTC repo trades in corporate debt securities, CPs, CDs and non-convertible debentures (NCDs) of original maturity less than one year on F-TRAC - the reporting platform of Clearcorp Dealing Systems (India) Ltd. (CDSIL). These trades have to be physically confirmed by the back offices of the counterparties. In F-TRAC, both the counterparties individually report their respective sides of the trades and the trades are validated for trade details before matching by F-TRAC. This ensures implicit confirmation by both counterparties. Further, the details of the transactions are available on the F-TRAC system. The requirement of exchange of physical confirmation of trades matched on F-TRAC is waived subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Participants entering into one time bilateral agreement for eliminating the exchange of confirmation;
- (ii) Participants adhering to the extant laws such as stamp duty as may be applicable; and
- (iii) Participants ensuring adherence to a sound risk management framework and complying with all the regulatory and legal requirements and practices, in this regard.

The dispensation with respect to waiver of physical confirmation will be subject to review in case of any change in ownership of the F-TRAC platform or reporting arrangements thereof.

(g) Once a deal has been concluded, there should not be any substitution of the counter party bank by another bank by the broker, through whom the deal has been entered into; likewise, the security sold/purchased in the deal should not be substituted by another security.

(h) On the basis of vouchers passed by the back office (which should be done after verification of actual contract notes received from the broker/ counterparty and confirmation of the deal by the counterparty), the Accounts Section should independently write the books of account.

(i) In the case of transaction relating to PMS Clients' Accounts (including brokers), all the relative records should give a clear indication that the transaction belongs to PMS Clients/ other constituents and does not belong to bank's own Investment Account and the bank is acting only in its fiduciary/ agency capacity.

- (j) Balances as per bank's books should be reconciled at quarterly intervals with the balances in the books of PDOs. If the number of transactions so warrant, the reconciliation should be undertaken more frequently, say on a monthly basis. This reconciliation should be periodically checked by the internal audit department.
- (k) A system for verification of the authenticity of the BRs and SGL transfer forms received from the other banks and confirmation of authorised signatories should be put in place.
- (l) Banks should put in place a reporting system to report to their top management, on a weekly basis, the details of transactions in securities, details of bouncing of SGL transfer forms issued by other banks and BRs outstanding for more than one month and a review of investment transactions undertaken during the period.
- (m) Banks should not draw cheques on their account with the Reserve Bank for third party transactions, including inter-bank transactions. For such transactions, bankers' cheques/ pay orders should be issued.
- (n) In case of investment in shares, the surveillance and monitoring of investment should be done by the Audit Committee of the Board, which shall review in each of its meetings, the total exposure of the bank to capital market, both fund based and non-fund based, in different forms as stated above and ensure that the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank are complied with and adequate risk management and internal control systems are in place.
- (o) The Audit Committee should keep the Board informed about the overall exposure to capital market, the compliance with the Reserve Bank and Board guidelines, adequacy of risk management and internal control systems.
- (p) In order to avoid any possible conflict of interest, it should be ensured that the stockbrokers as directors on the Boards of banks or in any other capacity, do not involve themselves in any manner with the Investment Committee or in the decisions in regard to making investments in shares, etc., or advances against shares.
- (q) The internal audit department should audit the transactions in securities on an ongoing basis, monitor the compliance with the laid down management policies and prescribed procedures and report the deficiencies directly to the management of the bank.
- (r) The banks' managements should ensure that there are adequate internal control and audit procedures for ensuring proper compliance of the instructions in regard to the conduct of the investment portfolio. The banks should institute a regular system of monitoring compliance with

the prudential and other guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank. The banks should get compliance in key areas certified by their statutory auditors and furnish such audit certificate to the Regional Office of DBS, RBI under whose jurisdiction the HO of the bank falls.

#### **1.1.7 Engagement of brokers**

(i) For engagement of brokers to deal in investment transactions, the banks should observe the following guidelines:

- (a) Transactions between one bank and another bank should not be put through the brokers' accounts. The brokerage on the deal payable to the broker, if any (if the deal was put through with the help of a broker), should be clearly indicated on the notes/memorandum put up to the top management seeking approval for putting through the transaction.
- (b) If a deal is put through with the help of a broker, the role of the broker should be restricted to that of bringing the two parties to the deal together.
- (c) While negotiating the deal, the broker is not obliged to disclose the identity of the counterparty to the deal. On conclusion of the deal, he should disclose the counterparty and his contract note should clearly indicate the name of the counterparty. It should also be ensured by the bank that the broker note contains the exact time of the deal. Their back offices may ensure that the deal time on the broker note and the deal ticket is the same. The bank should also ensure that their concurrent auditors audit this aspect.
- (d) On the basis of the contract note disclosing the name of the counterparty, settlement of deals between banks, viz. both fund settlement and delivery of security should be directly between the banks and the broker should have no role to play in the process.
- (e) With the approval of their top managements, banks should prepare a panel of approved brokers which should be reviewed annually or more often if so warranted. Clear-cut criteria should be laid down for empanelment of brokers, including verification of their creditworthiness, market reputation, etc. A record of broker-wise details of deals put through and brokerage paid, should be maintained.
- (f) A disproportionate part of the business should not be transacted through only one or a few brokers. Banks should fix aggregate contract limits for each of the approved brokers. A limit of 5% of total transactions through brokers (both purchase and sales) entered into by a bank during a year should be treated as the aggregate upper contract limit for each of

the approved brokers. This limit should cover both the business initiated by a bank and the business offered/brought to the bank by a broker. Banks should ensure that the transactions entered into through individual brokers during a year normally do not exceed this limit. However, if for any reason it becomes necessary to exceed the aggregate limit for any broker, the specific reasons for the same should be recorded, in writing, by the authority empowered to put through the deals. Further, the board should be informed of this, post facto. However, the norm of 5% would not be applicable to banks' dealings through PDs.

(g) The concurrent auditors who audit the treasury operations should scrutinise the business done through brokers also and include it in their monthly report to the Chief Executive Officer of the bank. Besides, the business put through any individual broker or brokers in excess of the limit, with the reasons for the same, should be covered in the half-yearly review to the Board of Directors/Local Advisory Board. These instructions also apply to subsidiaries and mutual funds of the banks.

[Certain clarifications on the instructions are furnished in the **Annex II**.]

**(ii)** Inter-bank securities transactions should be undertaken directly between banks and no bank should engage the services of any broker in such transactions.

#### **Exceptions:**

**Note (i)** Banks may undertake securities transactions among themselves or with non-bank clients through members of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), OTC Exchange of India (OTCEI), the Stock Exchange, Mumbai (BSE) and MCX Stock Exchange (MCX-SX). If such transactions are not undertaken on the NSE, OTCEI, BSE or MCX-SX, the same should be undertaken by banks directly, without engaging brokers.

**Note (ii)** Although the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 defines the term 'securities' to mean corporate shares, debentures, Government Securities and rights or interest in securities, the term 'securities' here would exclude corporate shares. The Provident / Pension Funds and Trusts registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, will be outside the purview of the expression 'non-bank clients' for the purpose of note (i) above.

#### **1.1.8 Audit, review and reporting of investment transactions**

The banks should adhere to the following instructions in regard to audit, review and reporting of investment transactions:

(a) Banks should undertake a half-yearly review (as of March 31 and September 30) of their investment portfolio, which should, apart from other operational aspects of investment portfolio, clearly indicate amendments made to the Investment Policy and certify adherence to laid down

internal investment policy and procedures and the Reserve Bank guidelines, and put up the same before their respective Boards within a month, i.e. by end-April and end-October.

**(b)** A copy of the review report put up to the Bank's Board should be forwarded to the Reserve Bank (concerned Regional Office of DBS, RBI) by May 15 and November 15 respectively.

**(c)** In view of the possibility of abuse, treasury transactions should be separately subjected to concurrent audit by internal auditors and the results of their audit should be placed before the CMD of the bank once every month. Banks need not forward copies of the above mentioned concurrent audit reports to the Reserve Bank. However, the major irregularities observed in these reports and the position of compliance thereto may be incorporated in the half yearly review of the investment portfolio.

## **1.2 Non-SLR investments**

### **1.2.1 (i) Appraisal**

Banks have made significant investment in privately placed unrated bonds and, in certain cases, in bonds issued by corporates who are not their borrowers. While assessing such investment proposals on private placement basis, in the absence of standardised and mandated disclosures, including credit rating, banks may not be in a position to conduct proper due diligence to take an investment decision. Thus, there could be deficiencies in the appraisal of privately placed issues.

### **(ii) Disclosure requirements in offer documents**

The risk arising from inadequate disclosure in offer documents should be recognized. In this connection, Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has notified the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) Regulations, 2008 and also simplified listing agreement for Debt Securities vide their circular dated May 11, 2009 and subsequent amendments, both for issuers whose equity shares are listed or not listed on the Exchange. Banks may henceforth make investments only in those securities which adhere to the SEBI regulations with respect to the disclosure norms for issue of debt securities. Even in case of investment in non-SLR debt securities which are not listed, banks may ensure that the disclosure standards prescribed by SEBI are adhered to. All other guidelines issued by RBI with respect to investment in Non-SLR securities remain unchanged.

### **(iii) Internal assessment**

With a view to ensuring that the investments by banks in issues through private placement, both

of the borrower customers and non-borrower customers, do not give rise to systemic concerns, it is necessary that banks should ensure that their investment policies duly approved by the Board of Directors are formulated after taking into account the following aspects:

- (a) The Boards of banks should lay down policy and prudential limits on investments in bonds and debentures including those on private placement basis, sub limits for PSU bonds, corporate bonds, guaranteed bonds, issuer ceiling, etc.
- (b) Investment proposals should be subjected to the same degree of credit risk analysis as any loan proposal. Banks should make their own internal credit analysis and rating even in respect of rated issues and should not entirely rely on the ratings of external agencies. The appraisal should be more stringent in respect of investments in instruments issued by non-borrower customers.
- (c) Strengthen their internal rating systems which should also include building up of a system of regular (quarterly or half-yearly) tracking of the financial position of the issuer with a view to ensuring continuous monitoring of the rating migration of the issuers/issues.
- (d) As a matter of prudence, banks should stipulate entry-level minimum ratings/ quality standards and industry-wise, maturity-wise, duration-wise, issuer-wise etc. limits to mitigate the adverse impacts of concentration and the risk of illiquidity.
- (e) The banks should put in place proper risk management systems for capturing and analysing the risk in respect of these investments and taking remedial measures in time.

**(iv)** Banks may exercise due caution, while taking any investment decision to subscribe to bonds, debentures, shares etc., and refer to the 'list of defaulters/wilful defaulters disseminated by the Reserve Bank /obtained from the Credit Information Companies to ensure that investments are not made in companies/entities who are defaulters/wilful defaulters to banks/FIs. Some of the companies may be undergoing adverse financial position, turning their accounts to sub-standard category due to recession in their industry segment. Despite restructuring facility provided under the Reserve Bank guidelines, the banks have been reported to be reluctant to extend further finance, though considered warranted on merits of the case. Banks may not refuse proposals for such investments in companies whose director's name(s) find place in the list of defaulters/wilful defaulters disseminated by the Reserve Bank/obtained from the Credit Information Companies and particularly in respect of those loan accounts, which have been restructured under extant RBI guidelines (after the respective bank's board approval in case of wilful defaulters), provided the proposal is viable and satisfies all parameters for such credit extension.

## **Prudential guidelines on investment in Non-SLR securities**

### **1.2.2 Coverage**

These guidelines cover banks' investments in non-SLR securities issued by corporates, banks, FIs and State and Central Government sponsored institutions, Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) etc., including capital gains bonds, bonds eligible for priority sector status. The guidelines will apply to investments both in the primary market as well as the secondary market.

### **Regulatory requirements**

**1.2.3** Banks should not invest in Non-SLR securities of original maturity of less than one-year, other than Commercial Paper and Certificates of Deposits and NCDs with original or initial maturity up to one year issued by corporates (including NBFCs), which are covered under RBI guidelines. However, while investing in such NCDs banks should be guided by the extant prudential guidelines in force, ensure that the issuer has disclosed the purpose for which the NCDs are being issued in the disclosure document and such purposes are eligible for bank finance to Non-Banking Financial Companies under extant RBI guidelines.

**1.2.4** Banks should undertake usual due diligence in respect of investments in non-SLR securities. Present RBI regulations preclude banks from extending credit facilities for certain purposes. Banks should ensure that such activities are not financed by way of funds raised through the non-SLR securities.

### **Listing and rating requirements**

**1.2.5** The guidelines on listing and rating pertaining to non-SLR securities vide paragraphs 1.2.7 to 1.2.16 are not applicable to banks' investments in:

- (a) Securities directly issued by the Central and State Governments, which are not reckoned for SLR purposes.
- (b) Equity shares
- (c) Units of equity oriented mutual fund schemes, viz. those schemes where any part of the corpus can be invested in equity
- (d) Equity/debt instruments/Units issued by Venture capital funds
- (e) Commercial Paper
- (f) Certificates of Deposit
- (g) Non Convertible Debentures (NCDs) with original or initial maturity up to one year issued by corporates (including NBFCs)
- (h) Securities acquired by way of conversion of debt, subject to periodic reporting to the Reserve Bank in the DSB return on Asset Quality.

**1.2.6** Definitions of a few terms used in these guidelines have been furnished in **Annex III** with a view to ensure uniformity in approach while implementing the guidelines.

**1.2.7** Banks must not invest in unrated non-SLR securities. However, the banks may invest in unrated bonds of companies engaged in infrastructure activities, within the ceiling of 10 per cent for unlisted non-SLR securities as prescribed vide paragraph 1.2.10 below.

**1.2.8** While making investments in non-SLR debt securities, banks should ensure that such investments are made only in listed debt securities of companies which comply with the requirements of the SEBI, except to the extent indicated in paragraphs 1.2.9 and 1.2.10 below.

### **Fixing of prudential limits**

**1.2.9** Bank's investment in unlisted non-SLR securities should not exceed 10 per cent of its total investment in non-SLR securities as on March 31, of the previous year, and such investment should comply with the disclosure requirements as prescribed by SEBI for listed companies. As there is a time lag between issuance and listing of securities, investment in non-SLR debt securities (both primary and secondary market) by banks where the security is proposed to be listed on the Exchange(s) may be considered as investment in listed security at the time of making investment. However, if such security is not listed within the period specified, the same will be reckoned for the 10 per cent limit specified for unlisted non-SLR securities. In case such investments included under unlisted non-SLR securities lead to a breach of the 10 per cent limit, the bank would not be allowed to make further investment in non-SLR securities (both primary and secondary market) as also in unrated bonds issued by companies engaged in infrastructure activities till such time bank's investment in unlisted non-SLR securities comes within the limit of 10 per cent.

**1.2.10** Bank's investment in unlisted non-SLR securities may exceed the limit of 10 per cent, by an additional 10 per cent, provided the investment is on account of investment in Securitisation papers issued for infrastructure projects, and bonds/debentures issued by Securitisation Companies (SCs) and Reconstruction Companies (RCs) set up under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) and registered with the Reserve Bank. In other words, investments exclusively in securities specified in this paragraph could be up to the maximum permitted limit of 20 per cent of non-SLR investment.

**1.2.11** The total investment by banks in liquid/short term debt schemes (by whatever name called) of mutual funds with weighted average maturity of portfolio of not more than 1 year, will be subject to a prudential cap of 10 per cent of their net worth as on March 31 of the previous

year. The weighted average maturity would be calculated as average of the remaining period of maturity of securities weighted by the sums invested.

**1.2.12** Investment in the following will not be reckoned as ‘unlisted non-SLR securities’ for computing compliance with the prudential limits prescribed in the above guidelines:

- (i) Security Receipts issued by SCs / RCs registered with the Reserve Bank.
- (ii) Investment in Asset Backed Securities (ABS) and Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS), which are rated at or above the minimum investment grade. However, there will be close monitoring of exposures to ABS on a bank specific basis based on monthly reports submitted to the Department of Banking Supervision, Reserve Bank of India, under the Supervisory Reporting System.
- (iii) Investments in unlisted convertible debentures. However, investments in these instruments would be treated as “Capital Market Exposure”.

**1.2.13** The investments in RIDF/SIDBI/RHDF deposits may not be reckoned as part of the numerator as well as denominator for computing compliance with the prudential limit of 10 per cent of its total non-SLR securities as on March 31 of the previous year.

**1.2.14** With effect from January 1, 2005, only investment in units of such mutual fund schemes, which have an exposure to unlisted securities of less than 10 per cent of the corpus of the fund, will be treated on par with listed securities for the purpose of compliance with the prudential limits prescribed in the above guidelines. While computing the exposure to the unlisted securities for compliance with the norm of less than 10 percent of the corpus of the mutual fund scheme, Treasury Bills, Collateralised Borrowing and Lending Obligations (CBLO), Repo/ Reverse Repo and Bank Fixed Deposits may not be included in the numerator.

**1.2.15** For the purpose of the prudential limits prescribed in the guidelines, the denominator, viz., ‘non-SLR investments’, would include investment under the following four categories in Schedule 8 to the balance sheet viz., ‘shares’, ‘bonds & debentures’, ‘subsidiaries/joint ventures’ and ‘others’.

**1.2.16** Banks whose investment in unlisted non-SLR securities are within the prudential limit of 10 per cent of its total non-SLR securities as on March 31, of the previous year may make fresh investment in such securities and up to the prudential limits.

## **Role of Boards**

**1.2.17** Banks should ensure that their investment policies, duly approved by the Board of Directors, are formulated after taking into account all the relevant issues specified in these guidelines on investment in non-SLR securities. Banks should put in place proper risk management systems for capturing and analysing the risk in respect of non-SLR investment and taking remedial measures in time. Banks should also put in place appropriate systems to ensure that investment in privately placed instruments is made in accordance with the systems and procedures prescribed under respective bank's investment policy.

**1.2.18** Boards of banks should review the following aspects of non-SLR investment at least at quarterly intervals:

- (a) Total business (investment and divestment) during the reporting period.
- b) Compliance with the prudential limits prescribed by the Board for non-SLR investment.
- (c) Compliance with the prudential guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank on non-SLR securities.
- (d) Rating migration of the issuers/ issues held in the bank's books and consequent diminution in the portfolio quality.
- (e) Extent of non-performing investments in the non-SLR category.

## **Disclosures**

**1.2.19** In order to help in the creation of a central database on private placement of debt, a copy of all offer documents should be filed with one of the credit information companies, which has obtained Certificate of Registration from the Reserve Bank, by the investing banks. Further, any default relating to interest/ installment in respect of any privately placed debt should also be reported to all the four credit information companies, by the investing banks along with a copy of the offer document.

**1.2.20** Banks should disclose the details of the issuer composition of non-SLR investments and the non-performing non-SLR investments in the 'Notes on Accounts' of the balance sheet, as indicated in **Annex IV**.

## **1.2.21 Trading and Settlement in Corporate Debt Securities**

As per the SEBI guidelines, all trades with the exception of spot transactions in a listed debt security shall be executed only on the trading platform of a stock exchange. In addition to complying with the SEBI guidelines, banks should report their secondary market OTC trades in Corporate Bonds within 15 minutes of the trade on any of the stock exchanges (NSE, BSE and

MCX-SX).

**1.2.22** All OTC trades in corporate bonds shall necessarily be cleared and settled through the National Securities Clearing Corporation Ltd. (NSCCL) or Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd. (ICCL) or MCX-SX Clearing Corporation Ltd. (MCX-SX CCL) as per the norms specified by the NSCCL, ICCL and MCX-SX CCL from time to time.

**1.2.23 Repo in Corporate Debt Securities**

Eligible entities can undertake repo in corporate debt securities as per detailed guidelines given in **Annex I-E**.

**1.2.24 OTC transactions in Securitized Debt Instruments**

Banks should report their secondary market OTC trades in securitized debt instruments within 15 minutes of the trade on any of the stock exchanges (NSE, BSE and MCX-SX).

These trades may be cleared and settled through any of the clearing corporations (NSCCL, ICCL and MCX-SX CCL).

**1.2.25. Settlement of OTC Transactions - in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and Commercial Papers (CPs)**

Banks shall report their OTC transactions in CDs and CPs on F-TRAC platform managed by Clearcorp Dealing System (India) Ltd. (CDSIL) within 15 minutes of the trade for online dissemination of market information.

Further, all OTC trades in CDs and CPs shall necessarily be cleared and settled through the National Securities Clearing Corporation Limited (NSCCL) or Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL) or MCX-SX Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX-SX CCL) as per the norms specified by NSCCL, ICCL and CCL from time to time.

**1.2.26 Limits on Banks' Exposure to Capital Markets**

**A. Solo Basis**

The aggregate exposure of a bank to the capital markets in all forms (both fund based and non-fund based) should not exceed 40 per cent of its net worth as on March 31 of the previous year. Within this overall ceiling, the bank's direct investment in shares, convertible bonds/ debentures, units of equity-oriented mutual funds and all exposures to Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) [both registered and unregistered] should not exceed 20 per cent of its net worth.

**B. Consolidated Basis**

The aggregate exposure of a consolidated bank to capital markets (both fund based and non-

fund based) should not exceed 40 per cent of its consolidated net worth as on March 31 of the previous year. Within this overall ceiling, the aggregate direct exposure by way of the consolidated bank's investment in shares, convertible bonds / debentures, units of equity-oriented mutual funds and all exposures to VCFs ([both registered and unregistered]) should not exceed 20 per cent of its consolidated net worth.

The above-mentioned ceilings are the maximum permissible and a bank's Board of Directors is free to adopt a lower ceiling for the bank, keeping in view its overall risk profile and corporate strategy. Banks are required to adhere to the ceilings on an ongoing basis.

#### **1.2.27 Investments in Long Term Bonds issued by banks for Financing of Infrastructure and Affordable Housing**

Banks can invest in the long term bonds issued by other banks for financing of infrastructure and affordable housing, subject to conditions as follows:

- (i) An investing bank's investment in a specific issue of such bonds will be capped at 2% of the investing bank's Tier 1 Capital or 5% of the issue size, whichever is lower.
- (ii) An investing bank's aggregate holding in such bonds will be capped at 10% of its total Non-SLR investments.
- (iii) Not more than 20% of the primary issue size of such bond issuance can be allotted to banks.
- (iv) Banks cannot hold their own bonds.

### **1.3 General**

#### **1.3.1 Reconciliation of holdings of Government Securities – Audit Certificate**

Banks should furnish a 'Statement of the Reconciliation of Bank's Investments (held in own Investment account, as also under PMS)', as at the end of every accounting year duly certified by the bank's auditors. The statement should reach the Regional Office of the DBS, RBI, under whose jurisdiction the bank's head office is located within one month from the close of the accounting year. Banks, in the letters of appointment issued to their external auditors, may suitably include the aforementioned requirement of reconciliation. The format for the statement and the instructions for compiling the same are given in **Annex V**.

#### **1.3.2 Transactions in securities - Custodial functions**

While exercising the custodial functions on behalf of their merchant banking subsidiaries, these functions should be subject to the same procedures and safeguards as would be applicable to other constituents. Accordingly, full particulars should be available with the subsidiaries of banks of the manner in which the transactions have been executed. Banks should also issue suitable

instructions in this regard to the department/office undertaking the custodial functions on behalf of their subsidiaries.

### **1.3.3 Investment Portfolio of banks - transactions in Government Securities**

In the light of fraudulent transactions in the guise of Government Securities transactions in physical format RBI has been taking measures for further reducing the scope of trading in physical forms. These measures are as under:

- (i) For banks, which do not have SGL account with the Reserve Bank, only one gilt account can be opened.
- (ii) In case the gilt accounts are opened with a SCB, the account holder has to open a designated funds account (for all gilt account related transactions) with the same bank.
- (iii) The entities maintaining the gilt / designated funds accounts will be required to ensure availability of clear funds in the designated funds accounts for purchases and of sufficient securities in the gilt account for sales before putting through the transactions.
- (iv) No transactions by the bank should be undertaken in physical form with any broker.
- (v) Banks should ensure that brokers approved for transacting in Government Securities are registered with the debt market segment of NSE/BSE/OTCEI.

## **2. Classification**

**(i)** The entire investment portfolio of the banks (including SLR securities and non-SLR securities) should be classified under three categories

viz. ‘Held to Maturity’,  
‘Available for Sale’ and  
‘Held for Trading’.

• However, in the balance sheet, the investments will be disclosed as per the existing six classifications:

viz. a) Government securities,  
b) Other approved securities,  
c) Shares,  
d) Debentures & Bonds,  
e) Subsidiaries/ joint ventures and  
f) Others (CP, Mutual Fund Units, etc.).

**(ii)** Banks should decide the category of the investment at the time of acquisition and the decision should be recorded on the investment proposals.

## **2.1 Held to Maturity**

**(i)** The securities acquired by the banks with the intention to hold them up to maturity will be classified under 'Held to Maturity (HTM)'.

**(ii)** Banks are allowed to include investments included under HTM category upto 25 per cent of their total investments.

**(iii)** Banks are permitted to exceed the limit of 25 per cent of total investment under HTM category provided:

(a) the excess comprises only of SLR securities, **and**

(b) the total SLR securities held in the HTM category is not more than 22.5 per cent with effect from July 11, 2015 and 22.0 per cent with effect from September 19, 2015, of their Demand and Time Liabilities (DTL) as on the last Friday of the second preceding fortnight.

**(iv)** Banks may hold the following securities under HTM:

(a) SLR Securities upto the extent permitted.

(b) Non-SLR securities included under HTM as on September 2, 2004.

(c) Re-capitalisation bonds received from the Government of India towards their re-capitalisation requirement and held in Investment portfolio.

(d) Investment in the equity of subsidiaries and joint ventures (a Joint Venture would be one in which the bank, along with its subsidiaries, holds more than 25 percent of the equity).

(e) RIDF/SIDBI/RHDF deposits.

(f) Investment in long-term bonds (with a minimum residual maturity of seven years) issued by companies engaged in infrastructure activities. The minimum residual maturity of seven years should be at the time of investment in these bonds. Once invested, banks may continue to classify these investments under HTM category even if the residual maturity falls below seven years subsequently. However banks' investments in long term bonds issued by other banks for their financing of infrastructure and affordable housing loans are not to be held in HTM category.

**(v)** No fresh non-SLR securities, are permitted to be included in HTM, with effect from September 2, 2004 except the following:

(a) Fresh re-capitalisation bonds received from the Government of India, towards their re-capitalisation requirement and held in their investment portfolio. This will not include re-capitalisation bonds of other banks acquired for investment purposes.

(b) Fresh investment in the equity of subsidiaries and joint ventures.

(c) RIDF / SIDBI/RHDF deposits.

(d) Investment in long-term bonds (with a minimum residual maturity of seven years) issued by companies engaged in infrastructure activities.

(vi) The investments as specified at para 2.1 ii) c), d) and f) above may, at the discretion of the banks, be classified under HTM but are not accounted for the purpose of ceiling of 25 per cent specified for this category.

(vii) Profit on sale of investments in this category should be first taken to the Profit & Loss Account, and thereafter be appropriated to the 'Capital Reserve Account'. It is clarified that the amount so appropriated would be net of taxes and the amount required to be transferred to Statutory Reserves. Loss on sale will be recognised in the Profit & Loss Account.

## **2.2 Available for Sale & Held for Trading**

(i) The securities acquired by the banks with the intention to trade by taking advantage of the short-term price/interest rate movements will be classified under 'Held for Trading (HFT)'.

(ii) The securities which do not fall within the above two categories will be classified under 'Available for Sale (AFS)'.

(iii) The banks will have the freedom to decide on the extent of holdings under HFT and AFS. This will be decided by them after considering various aspects such as basis of intent, trading strategies, risk management capabilities, tax planning, manpower skills, capital position.

(iv) The investments classified under HFT would be those from which the bank expects to make a gain by the movement in interest rates/market rates. These securities are to be sold within 90 days.

(v) Profit or loss on sale of investments in both the categories will be taken to the Profit & Loss Account.

## **2.3 Shifting among categories**

(i) Banks may shift investments to/from HTM with the approval of the Board of Directors once a year. Such shifting will normally be allowed at the beginning of the accounting year. No further shifting to/from HTM will be allowed during the remaining part of that accounting year, except when explicitly permitted by RBI.

(ii) If the value of sales and transfers of securities to/from HTM category exceeds 5 per cent of

the book value of investments held in HTM category at the beginning of the year, banks should disclose the market value of the investments held in the HTM category and indicate the excess of book value over market value for which provision is not made. This disclosure is required to be made in ‘Notes to Accounts’ in banks’ audited Annual Financial Statements. However, the one-time transfer of securities to/from HTM category with the approval of Board of Directors permitted to be undertaken by banks at the beginning of the accounting year. Further, additional shifting of securities explicitly permitted by the Reserve Bank from time to time, direct sales from HTM for bringing down SLR holdings in HTM category, sales to the Reserve Bank of India under pre-announced OMO auctions and repurchase of Government securities by Government of India from banks will be excluded from the 5 per cent cap.

(iii) Banks may shift investments from AFS to HFT with the approval of their Board of Directors/ ALCO/ Investment Committee. In case of exigencies, such shifting may be done with the approval of the Chief Executive of the bank/Head of the ALCO, but should be ratified by the Board of Directors/ ALCO.

(iv) Shifting of investments from HFT to AFS is generally not allowed. However, it will be permitted only under exceptional circumstances like not being able to sell the security within 90 days due to tight liquidity conditions, or extreme volatility, or market becoming unidirectional. Such transfer is permitted only with the approval of the Board of Directors/ ALCO/ Investment Committee.

(v) Transfer of scrips from AFS / HFT category to HTM category should be made at the lower of book value or market value. In other words, in cases where the market value is higher than the book value at the time of transfer, the appreciation should be ignored and the security should be transferred at the book value. In cases where the market value is less than the book value, the provision against depreciation held against this security (including the additional provision, if any, required based on valuation done on the date of transfer) should be adjusted to reduce the book value to the market value and the security should be transferred at the market value.

In the case of transfer of securities from HTM to AFS / HFT category,

(a) If the security was originally placed under the HTM category at a discount, it may be transferred to AFS / HFT category at the acquisition price / book value. (It may be noted that as per existing instructions banks are not allowed to accrue the discount on the securities held under HTM category and, therefore, such securities would continue to be held at the acquisition cost till maturity). After transfer, these securities should be immediately re-valued and resultant depreciation, if any, may be provided.

(b) If the security was originally placed in the HTM category at a premium, it may be transferred to the AFS / HFT category at the amortised cost. After transfer, these securities should be immediately re-valued and resultant depreciation, if any, may be provided.

In the case of transfer of securities from AFS to HFT category or vice-versa, the securities need not be re-valued on the date of transfer and the provisions for the accumulated depreciation, if any, held may be transferred to the provisions for depreciation against the HFT securities and vice-versa.

### **3. Valuation**

#### **3.1 Held to Maturity**

(i) Investments classified under HTM need not be marked to market and will be carried at acquisition cost, unless it is more than the face value, in which case the premium should be amortised over the period remaining to maturity. The banks should reflect the amortised amount in 'Schedule 13 – Interest Earned: Item II – Income on Investments', as a deduction. However, the deduction need not be disclosed separately. The book value of the security should continue to be reduced to the extent of the amount amortised during the relevant accounting period.

(ii) Banks should recognise any diminution, other than temporary, in the value of their investments in subsidiaries/ joint ventures, which are included under HTM and provide therefor. Such diminution should be determined and provided for each investment individually.

(iii) The need to determine whether impairment has occurred is a continuous process and the need for such determination will arise in the following circumstances:

(a) On the happening of an event which suggests that impairment has occurred. This would include:

(i) the company has defaulted in repayment of its debt obligations.

(ii) the loan amount of the company with any bank has been restructured.

(iii) the credit rating of the company has been downgraded to below investment grade.

(b) When the company has incurred losses for a continuous period of three years and the net worth has consequently been reduced by 25% or more.

(c) In the case of new company or a new project when the originally projected date of achieving the breakeven point has been extended i.e., the company or the project has not achieved break-even within the gestation period as originally envisaged.

When the need to determine whether impairment has occurred arises in respect of a subsidiary, joint venture or a material investment, the bank should obtain a valuation of the investment by a reputed/qualified valuer and make provision for the impairment, if any.

### **3.2 Available for Sale**

The individual scrips in the Available for Sale category will be marked to market at quarterly or at more frequent intervals. Domestic Securities under this category shall be valued scrip-wise and depreciation/ appreciation shall be aggregated for each classification referred to in item 2(i) above. Foreign investments under this category shall be valued scrip-wise and depreciation/ appreciation shall be aggregated for five classifications (viz. Government securities (including local authorities), Shares, Debentures & Bonds, Subsidiaries and/or joint ventures abroad and Other investments (to be specified)). Further, the investment in a particular classification, both in domestic and foreign securities, may be aggregated for the purpose of arriving at net depreciation/appreciation of investments under that category. Net depreciation, if any, shall be provided for. Net appreciation, if any, should be ignored. Net depreciation required to be provided for in any one classification should not be reduced on account of net appreciation in any other classification. The banks may continue to report the foreign securities under three categories (Government securities (including local authorities), Subsidiaries and/or joint ventures abroad and other investments (to be specified)) in the balance sheet. The book value of the individual securities would not undergo any change after the marking of market.

### **3.3 Held for Trading**

The individual scrips in the Held for Trading category will be marked to market at monthly or at more frequent intervals and provided for as in the case of those in the Available for Sale category. Consequently, the book value of the individual securities in this category would also not undergo any change after marking to market.

### **3.4 Investment Fluctuation Reserve & Investment Reserve Account Investment Fluctuation Reserve**

- (i) With a view to building up of adequate reserves to guard against any possible reversal of interest rate environment in future due to unexpected developments, banks were advised to build up Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR) of a minimum 5 per cent of the investment portfolio within a period of 5 years.
- (ii) To ensure smooth transition to Basel II norms, banks were advised in June 24, 2004 to

maintain capital charge for market risk in a phased manner over a two year period, as under:

- (a) In respect of securities included in the HFT category, open gold position limit, open foreign exchange position limit, trading positions in derivatives and derivatives entered into for hedging trading book exposures by March 31, 2005, and
- (b) In respect of securities included in the AFS category by March 31, 2006.

(iii) With a view to encourage banks for early compliance with the guidelines for maintenance of capital charge for market risks, it was advised in April 2005 that banks which have maintained capital of at least 9 per cent of the risk weighted assets for both credit risk and market risk for both HFT (items as indicated at (a) above) and AFS categories may treat the balance in excess of 5 per cent of securities included under HFT and AFS categories, in the IFR, as Tier I capital. Banks satisfying the above were allowed to transfer the amount in excess of the said 5 per cent in the IFR to Statutory Reserve.

(iv) Banks were advised in October 2005 that, if they have maintained capital of at least 9 per cent of the risk weighted assets for both credit risk and market risks for both HFT (items as indicated at 3.4 ii(a) above) and AFS category as on March 31, 2006, they would be permitted to treat the entire balance in the IFR as Tier I capital. For this purpose, banks may transfer the balance in the IFR ‘below the line’ in the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account to Statutory Reserve, General Reserve or balance of Profit & Loss (P&L) Account.

#### **Investment Reserve Account (IRA)**

(v) In the event, provisions created on account of depreciation in the ‘AFS’ or ‘HFT’ categories are found to be in excess of the required amount in any year, the excess should be credited to the P&L Account and an equivalent amount (net of taxes, if any and net of transfer to Statutory Reserves as applicable to such excess provision) should be appropriated to an IRA Account in Schedule 2 – “Reserves & Surplus” under the head “Revenue and Other Reserves”, and would be eligible for inclusion under Tier-II within the overall ceiling of 1.25 per cent of total Risk Weighted Assets prescribed for General Provisions/ Loss Reserves.

(vi) Banks may utilise IRA as follows:

The provisions required to be created on account of depreciation in the AFS and HFT categories should be debited to the P&L Account and an equivalent amount (net of tax benefit, if any, and net of consequent reduction in the transfer to Statutory Reserve), may be transferred from the IRA to the P&L Account.

Illustratively, banks may draw down from the IRA to the extent of provision made during the year towards depreciation in investment in AFS and HFT categories (net of taxes, if any, and net of

transfer to Statutory Reserves as applicable to such excess provision). In other words, a bank which pays a tax of 30 per cent and should appropriate 25 per cent of the net profits to Statutory Reserves, can draw down Rs.52.50 from the IRA, if the provision made for depreciation in investments included in the AFS and HFT categories is Rs.100.

(vii) The amounts debited to the P&L Account for provision should be debited under the head 'Expenditure - Provisions & Contingencies'. The amount transferred from the IRA to the P&L Account, should be shown as 'below the line' item in the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, after determining the profit for the year. Provision towards any erosion in the value of an asset is an item of charge on the profit and loss account, and hence should appear in that account before arriving at the profit for the accounting period. Adoption of the following would not only be adoption of a wrong accounting principle but would, also result in a wrong statement of the profit for the accounting period:

- (a) the provision is allowed to be adjusted directly against an item of Reserve without being shown in the profit and loss account, **OR**
- (b) a bank is allowed to draw down from the IRA before arriving at the profit for the accounting period (i.e., above the line), **OR**
- (c) a bank is allowed to make provisions for depreciation on investment as a below the line item, after arriving at the profit for the period,

Hence none of the above options are permissible.

(viii) In terms of our guidelines on payment of dividend by banks, dividends should be payable only out of current year's profit. The amount drawn down from the IRA will, therefore, not be available to a bank for payment of dividend among the shareholders. However, the balance in the IRA transferred 'below the line' in the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account to Statutory Reserve, General Reserve or balance of P&L Account would be eligible to be reckoned as Tier I capital.

### **3.5 Market value**

The 'market value' for the purpose of periodical valuation of investments included in the AFS and HFT categories would be the market price of the scrip as available from the trades/ quotes on the stock exchanges, SGL account transactions, price list of RBI, prices declared by Primary Dealers Association of India (PDAI) jointly with the Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA) periodically. In respect of unquoted securities, the procedure as detailed below should be adopted.

### **3.6 Unquoted SLR securities**

#### **3.6.1 Central Government Securities**

(i) Banks should value the unquoted Central Government securities on the basis of the prices/ YTM rates put out by the PDAI/ FIMMDA at periodical intervals.

(ii) Treasury Bills should be valued at carrying cost.

#### **3.6.2 State Government Securities**

State Government securities will be valued applying the Yield to Maturity (YTM) method by marking it up by 25 basis points above the yields of the Central Government Securities of equivalent maturity put out by PDAI/ FIMMDA periodically.

#### **3.6.3 Other ‘approved’ Securities**

Other approved securities will be valued applying the YTM method by marking it up by 25 basis points above the yields of the Central Government Securities of equivalent maturity put out by PDAI/ FIMMDA periodically.

### **3.7 Unquoted Non-SLR securities**

#### **3.7.1 Debentures/ Bonds**

All debentures/ bonds should be valued on the YTM basis. Such debentures/ bonds may be of different companies having different ratings. These will be valued with appropriate mark-up over the YTM rates for Central Government Securities as put out by PDAI/ FIMMDA periodically. The mark-up will be graded according to the ratings assigned to the debentures/ bonds by the rating agencies subject to the following: -

(a) The rate used for the YTM for rated debentures/ bonds should be at least 50 basis points above the rate applicable to a Government of India loan of equivalent maturity.

#### **NOTE:**

The special securities, which are directly issued by Government of India to the beneficiary entities, which do not carry SLR status, may be valued at a spread of 25 basis points above the corresponding yield on Government of India Securities, with effect from the financial year 2008 - 09. At present, such special securities comprise Oil Bonds, Fertilizer Bonds, bonds issued to the State Bank of India (during the recent rights issue), Unit Trust of India, Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd., Food Corporation of India, Industrial Investment Bank of India Ltd., the erstwhile Industrial Development Bank of India and the erstwhile Shipping Development Finance Corporation.

(b) The rate used for the YTM for unrated debentures/ bonds should not be less than the rate applicable to rated debentures/ bonds of equivalent maturity. The mark-up for the

unrated debentures/ bonds should appropriately reflect the credit risk borne by the bank.

(c) Where the debentures/ bonds are quoted and there have been transactions within 15 days prior to the valuation date, the value adopted should not be higher than the rate at which the transaction is recorded on the stock exchange.

### **3.7.2 Bonds issued by State Distribution Companies (Discoms) under Financial Restructuring Plan**

(i) If these bonds are traded and quoted, they will be valued at their current 'Market Value' as defined in paragraph 3.5 of this Master Circular.

(ii) In case the bonds are not traded and quoted, they will be valued on YTM basis. The relevant YTM will be YTM rates for Central Government Securities of equivalent maturities as put out by FIMMDA on the valuation day with the following mark-ups:

(a) During the period when bonds' liabilities are with the State Discoms and

- If guaranteed by respective State Governments – 75 basis points
- If not guaranteed by respective State Governments – 100 basis points

(b) During the period when bonds' liabilities are with the respective State Governments – 50 basis points.

### **3.7.3 Zero coupon bonds (ZCBs)**

ZCBs should be shown in the books at carrying cost, i.e., acquisition cost plus discount accrued at the rate prevailing at the time of acquisition, which may be marked to market with reference to the market value. In the absence of market value, the ZCBs may be marked to market with reference to the present value of the ZCB. The present value of the ZCBs may be calculated by discounting the face value using the 'Zero Coupon Yield Curve', with appropriate mark up as per the zero coupon spreads put out by FIMMDA periodically. In case the bank is still carrying the ZCBs at acquisition cost, the discount accrued on the instrument should be notionally added to the book value of the scrip, before marking it to market.

### **3.7.4 Preference Shares**

The valuation of preference shares should be on YTM basis. The preference shares will be issued by companies with different ratings. These will be valued with appropriate mark-up over the YTM rates for Central Government Securities put out by the PDAI/FIMMDA periodically. The mark-up will be graded according to the ratings assigned to the preference shares by the rating agencies subject to the following:

- a) The YTM rate should not be lower than the coupon rate/ YTM for a Gol loan of equivalent maturity.
- b) The rate used for the YTM for unrated preference shares should not be less than the rate applicable to rated preference shares of equivalent maturity. The mark-up for the unrated preference shares should appropriately reflect the credit risk borne by the bank.
- c) Investments in preference shares as part of the project finance may be valued at par for a period of two years after commencement of production or five years after subscription whichever is earlier.
- d) Where investment in preference shares is as part of rehabilitation, the YTM rate should not be lower than 1.5% above the coupon rate/ YTM for Gol loan of equivalent maturity.
- e) Where preference dividends are in arrears, no credit should be taken for accrued dividends and the value determined on YTM should be discounted by at least 15 per cent if arrears are for one year, and more if arrears are for more than one year. The depreciation/provision requirement arrived at in the above manner in respect of non-performing shares where dividends are in arrears shall not be allowed to be set-off against appreciation on other performing preference shares.
- f) The preference share should not be valued above its redemption value.
- g) When a preference share has been traded on stock exchange within 15 days prior to the valuation date, the value should not be higher than the price at which the share was traded.

### **3.7.5 Equity Shares**

The equity shares in the bank's portfolio should be marked to market preferably on a daily basis, but at least on a weekly basis. Equity shares for which current quotations are not available or where the shares are not quoted on the stock exchanges, should be valued at break-up value (without considering 'revaluation reserves', if any) which is to be ascertained from the company's latest balance sheet (which should not be more than one year prior to the date of valuation). In case the latest balance sheet is not available the shares are to be valued at Re.1 per company.

### **3.7.6 Mutual Funds Units (MF Units)**

Investment in quoted MF Units should be valued as per Stock Exchange quotations. Investment

in un-quoted MF Units is to be valued on the basis of the latest re-purchase price declared by the MF in respect of each particular Scheme. In case of funds with a lock-in period, where repurchase price/ market quote is not available, Units could be valued at Net Asset Value (NAV). If NAV is not available, then these could be valued at cost, till the end of the lock-in period. Wherever the re-purchase price is not available, the Units could be valued at the NAV of the respective scheme.

### **3.7.7 Commercial Paper**

Commercial paper should be valued at the carrying cost.

### **3.7.8 Investments in Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)**

Investment in RRBs is to be valued at carrying cost (i.e. book value) on a consistent basis.

## **3.8. Investment in securities issued by Securitisation Company (SC) / Reconstruction Company (RC)**

When banks / FIs invest in the SRs / Pass-Through Certificates (PTCs) issued by SCs / RCs, in respect of the financial assets sold by them to the SCs / RCs, the sale shall be recognised in books of the banks / FIs at the lower of:

- the redemption value of the SRs /PTCs, and
- the Net Book Value (NBV) (i.e. Book value less provisions held), of the financial asset.

The above investment should be carried in the books of the bank / FI at the price as determined above until its sale or realisation, and on such sale or realisation, the loss or gain must be dealt with as under:

(i) If the sale to SC/ RC is at a price below the net book value (NBV) (i.e., book value less provisions held), the shortfall should be debited to the profit and loss account of that year. Banks can also use countercyclical / floating provisions for meeting any shortfall on sale of NPAs i.e., when the sale is at a price below the net book value (NBV).

However, for assets sold on or after February 26, 2014 and upto March 31, 2016, as an incentive for early sale of NPAs, banks can spread over any shortfall, if the sale value is lower than the NBV, over a period of two years. This facility of spreading over the shortfall will be subject to necessary disclosures in the Notes to Account in Annual Financial Statements of the banks.

(ii) Banks may reverse the excess provision on sale of NPAs, if the sale value is for a value higher than the NBV, to its profit and loss account in the year the amounts are received. However, banks can reverse excess provision arising out of sale of NPAs only when the cash received (by way of initial consideration and / or redemption of SRs / PTCs) is higher than the net book value (NBV) of the asset. Further, reversal of excess provision will be limited to the extent to which cash received exceeds the NBV of the asset.

With regard to assets sold before February 26, 2014, the quantum of excess provision reversed to the profit and loss account on account of sale of NPAs shall be disclosed in the financial statements of the bank under 'Notes to Accounts'.

All instruments received by banks / FIs from SC / RC as sale consideration for financial assets sold to them and also other instruments issued by SC / RC in which banks / FIs invest will be in the nature of non-SLR securities. Accordingly, the valuation, classification and other norms applicable to investment in non-SLR instruments prescribed by the Reserve Bank from time to time would be applicable to bank's / FI's investment in debentures / bonds / security receipts / PTCs issued by SC / RC. However, if any of the above instruments issued by SC / RC is limited to the actual realisation of the financial assets assigned to the instruments in the concerned scheme the bank / FI shall reckon the Net Asset Value (NAV), obtained from SC / RC from time to time, for valuation of such investments.

### **3.9 Valuation and classification of banks' investment in VCFs**

**3.9.1** The quoted equity shares / bonds/ units of VCFs in the bank's portfolio should be held under AFS and marked to market preferably on a daily basis, but at least on a weekly basis, in line with valuation norms for other equity shares as per existing instructions.

**3.9.2** Banks' investments in unquoted shares/bonds/units of VCFs may, at the discretion of the bank, be classified under HTM for initial period of three years and valued at cost during this period.

**3.9.3** For this purpose, the period of three years will be reckoned separately for each disbursement made by the bank to VCF as and when the committed capital is called up. However, to ensure conformity with the existing norms for transferring securities from HTM, transfer of all securities which have completed three years as mentioned above will be effected at the beginning of the next accounting year in one lot to coincide with the annual transfer of investments from HTM category.

**3.9.4** After three years, the unquoted units/shares/bonds should be transferred to AFS category and valued as under:

- (i) **Units:** In the case of investments in the form of units, the valuation will be done at the NAV shown by the VCF in its financial statements. Depreciation, if any, on the units based on NAV has to be provided at the time of shifting the investments to AFS category from HTM category as also on subsequent valuations which should be done at quarterly or more frequent intervals based on the financial statements received from the VCF. At least once in a year, the units should be valued based on the audited results. However, if the audited balance sheet/ financial statements showing NAV figures are not available

continuously for more than 18 months as on the date of valuation, the investments are to be valued at Rupee 1 per VCF.

(ii) **Equity:** In the case of investments in the form of shares, the valuation can be done at the required frequency based on the break-up value (without considering 'revaluation reserves', if any) which is to be ascertained from the company's (VCF's) latest balance sheet (which should not be more than 18 months prior to the date of valuation). Depreciation, if any on the shares has to be provided at the time of shifting the investments to AFS category as also on subsequent valuations which should be done at quarterly or more frequent intervals. If the latest balance sheet available is more than 18 months old, the shares are to be valued at Rupee 1 per company.

(iii) **Bonds:** The investment in the bonds of VCFs, if any, should be valued as per prudential norms for classification, valuation and operation of investment portfolio by banks issued by the Reserve Bank from time to time.

### **3.9.5 Valuation norms on conversion of outstanding**

Equity, debentures and other financial instruments acquired by way of conversion of outstanding principal and / or interest should be classified in the AFS category, and valued in accordance with the extant instructions on valuation of banks' investment portfolio. Equity classified as standard asset should be valued either at market value, if quoted, or at break-up value, if not quoted (without considering the revaluation reserve, if any) which is to be ascertained from the company's latest balance sheet. In case the latest balance sheet is not available, the shares are to be valued at Re.1. Equity instrument classified as NPA should be valued at market value, if quoted, and in case where equity is not quoted, it should be valued at Re.1. Depreciation on the instruments acquired by way of conversion, *whether classified as standard or NPA*, should not be offset against the appreciation in any other securities held under the AFS category.

## **3.10 Non-Performing Investments (NPI)**

**3.10.1** In respect of securities included in any of the three categories where interest/ principal is in arrears, banks should not reckon income on the securities and should also make appropriate provisions for the depreciation in the value of the investment. The banks should not set-off the depreciation requirement in respect of these non-performing securities against the appreciation in respect of other performing securities.

**3.10.2** An NPI, similar to a non performing advance (NPA), is one where:

- (i) Interest/ installment (including maturity proceeds) is due and remains unpaid for

more than 90 days.

- (ii) The above would apply mutatis-mutandis to preference shares where the fixed dividend is not paid. If the dividend on preference shares (cumulative or non-cumulative) is not declared/paid in any year it would be treated as due/unpaid in arrears and the date of balance sheet of the issuer for that particular year would be reckoned as due date for the purpose of asset classification.
- (iii) In the case of equity shares, in the event the investment in the shares of any company is valued at Re.1 per company on account of the non-availability of the latest balance sheet in accordance with the instructions contained in paragraph 28 of the Annex to the circular DBOD.BP.BC.32/ 21.04.048/ 2000-01 dated October 16, 2000, those equity shares would also be reckoned as NPI.
- (iv) If any credit facility availed by the issuer is NPA in the books of the bank, investment in any of the securities, including preference shares issued by the same issuer would also be treated as NPI and vice versa. However, if only the preference shares are classified as NPI, the investment in any of the other performing securities issued by the same issuer may not be classified as NPI and any performing credit facilities granted to that borrower need not be treated as NPA.
- (v) The investments in debentures/bonds, which are deemed to be in the nature of advance, would also be subjected to NPI norms as applicable to investments.
- (vi) In case of conversion of principal and/or interest into equity, debentures, bonds, etc., such instruments should be treated as NPA *ab initio* in the same asset classification category as the loan if the loan's classification is substandard or doubtful on implementation of the restructuring package and provision should be made as per the norms.

### **3.10.3 Government guaranteed investments**

- (i) With effect from the year ending March 31, 2006, investment in State Government guaranteed securities, including those in the nature of 'deemed advance', will attract prudential norms for identification of NPI and provisioning, when interest/ instalment of principal (including maturity proceeds) or any other amount due to the bank remains unpaid for more than 90 days.
- (ii) The prudential treatment for Central Government Guaranteed bonds has to be identical to Central Government guaranteed advances. Hence, bank's investments in bonds guaranteed by

Central Government need not be classified as NPI until the Central Government has repudiated the guarantee when invoked. However, this exemption from classification as NPI is not for the purpose of recognition of income.

#### **4. Uniform accounting for Repo / Reverse Repo transactions**

**4.1** The revised accounting guidelines effective from April 1, 2010 are applicable to market repo transactions in Government Securities and corporate debt securities. These accounting norms will, however, not apply to repo / reverse repo transactions conducted under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) with the Reserve Bank.

**4.2** Market participants may undertake repos from any of the three categories of investments, viz., **Held For Trading, Available For Sale and Held To Maturity**.

**4.3** The economic essence of a repo transaction, viz., borrowing (lending) of funds by selling (purchasing) securities shall be reflected in the books of the repo participants, by accounting the same as collateralized lending and borrowing transaction, with an agreement to repurchase, on the agreed terms. Accordingly, the repo seller, i.e., borrower of funds in the first leg, shall not exclude the securities sold under repo but continue to carry the same in his investment account (please see the illustration given in the Annex) reflecting his continued economic interest in the securities during the repo period. On the other hand, the repo buyer, i.e., lender of funds in the first leg, shall not include the securities purchased under repo in his investment account but show it in a separate sub-head (please see the Annex). The securities would, however, be transferred from the repo seller to repo buyer as in the case of normal outright sale/purchase transactions and such movement of securities shall be reflected using the Repo/Reverse Repo Accounts and contra entries. In the case of repo seller, the Repo Account is credited in the first leg for the securities sold (funds received), while the same is reversed when the securities are repurchased in the second leg. Similarly, in the case of repo buyer, the Reverse Repo Account is debited for the amount of securities purchased (funds lent) and the same is reversed in the second leg when the securities are sold back.

**4.4** The first leg of the repo transaction should be contracted at the prevailing market rates. The reversal (second leg) of the transaction shall be such that the difference between the consideration amounts of first and second legs should reflect the repo interest.

**4.5** The accounting principles to be followed while accounting for repo / reverse repo transactions are as under:

### **(i) Coupon /Discount**

The repo seller shall continue to accrue the coupon/discount on the securities sold under repo even during the repo period while the repo buyer shall not accrue the same.

In case the interest payment date of the security offered under repo falls within the repo period, the coupons received by the buyer of the security should be passed on to the seller of the security on the date of receipt as the cash consideration payable by the seller in the second leg does not include any intervening cash flows.

### **(ii) Repo Interest Income / Expenditure**

After the second leg of the repo / reverse repo transaction is over, the difference between consideration amounts of the first leg and second leg of the repo shall be reckoned as Repo Interest Income / Expenditure in the books of the repo buyer / seller respectively; and the balance outstanding in the Repo Interest Income / Expenditure account should be transferred to the P&L Account as an income or an expenditure. As regards repo / reverse repo transactions *outstanding on the balance sheet date*, only the accrued income / expenditure *till the balance sheet date* should be taken to the P&L account. Any repo income / expenditure for the remaining period should be reckoned for the next accounting period.

### **(iii) Marking to Market**

The repo seller shall continue to mark to market the securities sold under repo transactions as per the *investment classification of the security*. To illustrate, in case the securities sold by banks under repo transactions are out of the **Available for Sale** category, then the mark to market valuation for such securities should be done at least once a quarter. For entities which do not follow any investment classification norms, the *valuation for securities sold under repo transactions may be in accordance with the valuation norms followed by them in respect of securities of similar nature*.

## **4.6 Accounting Methodology**

The accounting methodology to be followed along with the illustrations is given in **Annexes VII-A and VII-B**. Participants using more stringent accounting principles may continue using the same principles. Further, to obviate the disputes arising out of repo transactions, the participants should enter into bilateral Master Repo Agreement as per the documentation finalized by FIMMDA. The Master Repo Agreement finalised by FIMMDA is not mandatory for repo transactions in Government Securities settling through a Central Counter Party (CCP) [e.g.

(CCIL), having various safeguards like haircut, MTM price, margin, Multilateral netting, closing out, right to set off, settlement guarantee fund/ collaterals, defaults, risk management and dispute resolution/ arbitration etc. However, Master Repo Agreement is mandatory for repo transactions in Corporate Debt Securities, which are settled bilaterally without involving a CCP.

#### **4.7 Classification of Accounts**

Banks shall classify the balances in Repo A/c under Schedule 4 under item I (ii) or I (iii) as appropriate. Similarly, the balances in Reverse Repo A/c shall be classified under Schedule 7 under item I (ii) a or I (ii) b as appropriate. The balances in Repo interest expenditure A/c and Reverse Repo interest income A/c shall be classified under Schedule 15 (under item II or III as appropriate) and under Schedule 13 (under item III or IV as appropriate) respectively. The balance sheet classification for other participants shall be governed by the guidelines issued by the respective regulators.

#### **4.8 Disclosure**

The disclosures as prescribed in **Annex VI** should be made by banks in the “Notes on Accounts” to the Balance Sheet.

#### **4.9 Treatment for Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)**

##### **(i) Government securities:**

The regulatory treatment of market repo transactions in Government securities will continue as hitherto, i.e., the funds borrowed under repo will continue to be exempt from CRR/SLR computation and the security acquired under reverse repo shall continue to be eligible for SLR.

##### **(ii) Corporate debt securities:**

In respect of repo transactions in corporate debt securities, as advised vide [IDMD.DOD.05/11.08.38/2009-10 dated January 8, 2010,](#)

- a. The amount borrowed by a bank through repo shall be reckoned as part of its Demand and Time Liabilities (DTL) and the same shall attract CRR/SLR.
- b. The borrowings of a bank through repo in corporate bonds shall be reckoned as its liabilities for reserve requirement and, to the extent these liabilities are to the banking system, they shall be netted as per clause (d) of the explanation under section 42(1) of the RBI Act, 1934. Such borrowings shall, however, be subject to the prudential limits for inter-bank liabilities.

### **5. General**

#### **5.1 Income recognition**

- (i) Banks may book income on accrual basis on securities of corporate bodies/ public sector undertakings in respect of which the payment of interest and repayment of principal have been guaranteed by the Central Government or a State Government, provided interest is serviced regularly and as such is not in arrears.
- (ii) Banks may book income from dividend on shares of corporate bodies on accrual basis provided dividend on the shares has been declared by the corporate body in its Annual General Meeting and the owner's right to receive payment is established.
- (iii) Banks may book income from Government Securities and bonds and debentures of corporate bodies on accrual basis, where interest rates on these instruments are predetermined and provided interest is serviced regularly and is not in arrears.
- (iv) Banks may book income from units of mutual funds on cash basis.

### **5.2 Broken Period Interest**

Banks should not capitalise the Broken Period Interest paid to seller as part of cost, but treat it as an item of expenditure under P&L Account in respect of investments in Government and other approved securities. It is to be noted that the above accounting treatment does not take into account the tax implications and, hence, the banks should comply with the requirements of Income Tax Authorities in the manner prescribed by them.

### **5.3 Dematerialised Holding**

Banks should settle the transactions in securities as notified by SEBI only through depositories. Banks are permitted to make fresh investments in and hold bonds and debentures, privately placed or otherwise, and equity instruments only in dematerialised form.

### **5.4 Investment in Zero Coupon Bonds and Low Coupon Bonds issued by corporates**

In view of high credit risk involved in long term Zero Coupon Bonds (ZCBs) issued by corporates (including those issued by NBFCs) banks should not invest in such ZCBs unless the issuer builds up sinking fund for all accrued interest and keeps it invested in liquid investments/ securities (Government bonds). It had come to our notice that banks are investing in bonds which carry very low coupons that are not market related and therefore are redeemed at maturity with substantial premium. These bonds, therefore, carry credit risk similar to ZCBs. Banks should not invest in such Low Coupon Bonds unless the issuer builds up a sinking fund to the extent of the difference in the accrued interest calculated on the basis of YTM applicable to the bond and the actual coupon payable on the bond and keeps it invested in liquid investments/ securities (Government bonds). Further, banks should also put in place conservative limits for their investments in such bonds.

**Short sale in Government Securities**

1. Banks may undertake short sale of Central Government dated securities, subject to the short position being covered within a maximum period of three months, including the day of trade. Such short positions shall be covered by outright purchase of an equivalent amount of the same security or through a long position in the When Issued (WI) market or allotment in primary auction. However, it may be noted that the closure of the long position in WI market (by sale of the WI securities) would lead to a reestablishment of short position to the extent of the sale in the WI market. The short positions may be reflected in 'Securities Short Sold (SSS) A/c', specifically created for this purpose. For the purposes of this circular short sale and notional short sale are defined as under:
2. 'Short Sale' is defined as sale of securities one does not own. A bank can also undertake 'notional' short sale where it can sell a security short from HFT even if the security is held under its HFT/AFS/HTM book. The resultant 'notional' short position would be subject to the same regulatory requirements as in the case of a short sale. For the purpose of these guidelines, short sale would include 'notional' short sale as well. The short sale by banks and the cover transaction shall not affect the holdings and valuation of the same security in HFT/AFS/HTM categories in any way.
3. Short sale transactions can be undertaken by banks, subject to the following conditions:

**Minimum requirements:**

- a) Banks are permitted to execute the sale leg of short sale transactions in the OTC market, in addition to the NDS-OM platform. The cover leg of the short sale transaction can, however, be executed either on or outside the NDS-OM platform.
- b) The sale leg as well as the cover leg of the transaction should be accounted in the HFT category.
- c) Under no circumstances, should participants fail to deliver, on settlement date, the securities sold short. Failures to deliver securities short sold shall be treated as an instance of 'SGL bouncing' and the concerned banks will be liable to disciplinary action prescribed in respect of SGL bouncing, besides attracting such further regulatory action as may be considered necessary.
- d) At no point of time should a bank accumulate a short position (face value) in any security in the HFT category in excess of the following limits:
  - (i) **Liquid securities:** 0.75 per cent of the total outstanding stock issued of each

security or Rs.600 crore, whichever is lower.

(ii) ***Illiquid securities:*** 0.25 per cent of the total outstanding stock issued of each security.

e) In case a liquid security becomes illiquid during the period of short sale resulting in a lower short sale limit, a bank can continue to hold the already executed short position till it is closed out. Any fresh short position in such securities, however, should be undertaken within the applicable limits for illiquid securities.

f) The short sale position executed in the OTC market should be reported on the NDS-OM platform within 15 minutes of the execution of the trade. Banks undertaking short sale and related cover transactions should indicate the same through proper tagging on the platform.

g) Banks undertaking the ‘notional’ short sale would cover the same through a subsequent outright purchase or carry the short position beyond overnight by acquiring the security under reverse repo but not use the securities already held in their portfolio for delivery against the short sale.

h) Banks shall be entirely responsible for ensuring strict compliance with the above prudential limits on real time basis for which they may put in place appropriate systems and internal controls. The controls provided in the trading platform (NDS-OM) are merely in the nature of additional tools and should not be cited as a reason for any breach of internal or regulatory limits. The information regarding the outstanding stock of each Government of India dated security is being made available on the RBI website (URL: <http://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NDSUserXsl.aspx>). The list of liquid securities for compliance with the limits shall be provided by FIMMDA from time to time.

i) Banks which undertake short sale transactions shall mark-to-market their entire HFT portfolio, including the short positions, ***on a daily basis*** and account for the resultant mark-to-market gains / losses as per the relevant guidelines for marking-to-market of the HFT portfolio.

j) Gilt Accounts Holders (GAHs), under CSGL facility, are not permitted to undertake short sales. Entities maintaining CSGL Accounts are required to ensure that no short sale is undertaken by the GAHs.

#### **Borrowing security (through the repo market) to meet delivery obligations:**

Since securities that are short sold are to be ***invariably*** delivered on the settlement date, participants are permitted to meet their delivery obligations by acquiring securities in the repo market. Accordingly, with a view to enable participants to run short positions across settlement

cycles, banks have been permitted to use the securities acquired under a reverse repo to meet the delivery obligation of the short sale transaction. While the reverse repos can be rolled over, it is emphasised that the delivery obligations under the successive reverse repo contracts are also to be invariably met, failing which the concerned banks shall attract the regulatory action as specified above. It may, however, be noted that the permission to use securities acquired under reverse repo as above applies only to securities acquired under market repo and **not** to securities acquired under RBI's Liquidity Adjustment Facility.

**Policy and internal control mechanisms:**

(i) Before actually undertaking transactions in terms of this circular, banks shall put in place a written policy on short sale, which should be approved by their respective Boards of Directors. The policy should lay down the internal guidelines which should include, *inter alia*, risk limits on short position, an aggregate nominal short sale limit (in terms of Face Value) across all eligible securities, stop loss limits, the internal control systems to ensure adherence to regulatory and internal guidelines, reporting of short selling activity to the Board and the Reserve Bank, procedure to deal with violations, etc. Banks shall also put in place a system to detect violations if any, immediately, certainly within the same trading day.

(ii) Banks may review their systems and controls to ensure strict compliance with all regulatory requirements of short sale and cover transactions. Any violation of regulatory guidelines noticed in this regard should immediately be reported to the Chief General Manager, Financial Markets Regulation Department (FMRD), Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai.

(iii) In addition to the internal control mechanisms, the concurrent auditors should specifically verify compliance with these instructions, as well as with internal guidelines and report violations, if any, within a reasonably short time, to the appropriate internal authority. As part of their monthly reporting, concurrent auditors may verify whether the independent back/mid office has taken cognizance of lapses, if any, and whether they have reported the same within the required time frame to the appropriate internal authority. Any violation of regulatory guidelines noticed in this regard should immediately be reported to the respective PDO where the SGL account is maintained and FMRD, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai.

(iv) Default in payment of cash or delivery of security shall be viewed seriously and would be subject to penal measures as prescribed in [RBI circular IDMD.DOD.17/11.01.01\(B\)/2010-11 dated July 14, 2010](#) as amended from time to time. Reserve Bank may also take any action including temporary or permanent debarment of the SGL account holder from the short sale market as it may deem fit, for violation / circumvention of the regulatory guidelines or if Reserve Bank is of the view that the bank has

attempted to manipulate the market, involved in market abuse, or provided information that was incorrect, inaccurate, or incomplete.

(v) Banks should submit a duly certified report of the daily security-wise short sale position, as per the format given below, to the Financial Markets Regulation Department, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai on a monthly basis by 8<sup>th</sup> of the succeeding month. The soft copy of the report should be emailed to fmrd@rbi.org.in.

## Monthly reporting of Short Sale transaction in GOI Securities

## Report for the month of

Name of bank/PD:

Security:

# 0.75% of the outstanding stock or Rs. 600 crore whichever is lower for liquid securities and 0.25% of the outstanding stock for illiquid securities. The categorization of liquid / illiquid securities shall be as determined by FIMMDA

Note: Each security to be tabulated separately.

- 1 Age (in number of days) of the oldest uncovered short sale transaction as on the last day of the month: \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
2 Age (in number of days) of the oldest short sale transaction covered during the month: \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Certified that there were no violations of extant regulatory guidelines on short sale in Government of India Securities

[Concurrent / Internal Auditor]

### When Issued Market - Guidelines

#### Definition

'When, as and if issued' (commonly known as 'when-issued' (WI)) security refers to a security that has been authorized for issuance but not yet actually issued. 'WI' trading takes place between the time a new issue is announced and the time it is actually issued. All 'when issued' transactions are on an 'if' basis, to be settled if and when the actual security is issued.

#### Mechanics of Operation

Transactions in a security on a 'WI' basis shall be undertaken in the following manner:

- (a) 'WI' transactions can be undertaken in the case of securities that are being reissued as well as newly issued, on a selective basis.
- (b) 'WI' transactions would commence on the issue notification date and it would cease on the working day immediately preceding the date of issue.
- (c) All 'WI' transactions for all trade dates will be contracted for settlement on the date of issue.
- (d) At the time of settlement on the date of issue, trades in the 'WI' security will be netted off with trades in the existing security, in the case of reissued securities.
- (e) The originating transactions (sale or purchase of 'WI' securities) shall be undertaken only on NDS-OM. Any reversal of a 'WI' transaction can, however, be undertaken on or outside the NDS-OM platform.
- (f) Only PDs can take a short position in the 'WI' market. In other words, non-PD entities can sell the 'WI' security to any counterparty only if they have a preceding purchase contract for equivalent or higher amount.
- (g) Open Positions in the 'WI' market are subject to the following limits:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Reissued security</b>	<b>Newly issued security</b>
Non-PDs	Long Position, not exceeding 5 per cent of the notified amount.	Long Position, not exceeding 5 per cent of the notified amount.
PD	Long or Short Position, not exceeding 10 per cent of the notified amount	Short Position, not exceeding 6 per cent and Long Position, not exceeding 10 per cent of the notified amount.

(h) In the event of cancellation of the auction for whatever reason, all 'WI' trades will be deemed null and void *ab initio* on grounds of force majeure.

#### **Internal Control**

All banks participating in the 'WI' market are required to have in place a written policy on 'WI' trading which should be approved by the Board of Directors. The policy should lay down the internal guidelines which should include, *inter alia*, risk limits on 'WI' position (including, in the case of reissued securities, overall position in the security, i.e., 'WI' plus the existing security), an aggregate nominal limit (in terms of Face Value) for 'WI' and in the case of reissued securities, 'WI' plus the existing security, the internal control arrangements to ensure adherence to regulatory and internal guidelines, reporting of 'WI' activity to the top management, procedure to deal with violations, etc. A system should be in place to detect violations immediately, certainly within the trading day.

The concurrent auditors should specifically verify compliance with these instructions and report violations on the date of trade itself, within a reasonably short time, to the appropriate internal authority. As part of their monthly reporting, concurrent auditors may verify whether the independent back/mid office has taken cognizance of all such lapses and reported the same within the required time frame. Any violation of regulatory guidelines noticed in this regard should immediately be reported to the PDO, Mumbai and FMRD, Reserve Bank of India.

**Investment portfolio of banks – Transactions in securities –Conditions subject to which securities allotted in the auctions for primary issues can be sold**

- (i) The contract for sale can be entered into only once by the allottee bank on the basis of an authenticated allotment advice issued by the Reserve Bank. The buyer from an allottee in a primary auction is also permitted to re-sell the security subject to compliance with the terms and conditions stipulated in our circular No. IDMD.PDRS.337/10.02.01/2005-06 dated July 20, 2005 and IDMD.PDRS.05/10.02.01/2003-04 dated March 29, 2004. Any sale of securities should be only on a T + 0 or T + 1 settlement basis.
- (ii) The contract for sale of allotted securities can be entered into by banks with entities maintaining SGL Account with the Reserve Bank as well as with and between CSGL account holders for delivery and settlement on the next working day through the Delivery versus Payment (DvP) system.
- (iii) The face value of securities sold should not exceed the face value of securities indicated in the allotment advice.
- (iv) Services of brokers can be availed for carrying out sale of securities allotted in primary issues on the same day.
- (v) Separate record of such sale deals should be maintained containing details such as number and date of allotment advice, description and the face value of securities allotted, the purchase consideration, the number, date of delivery and face value of securities sold, sale consideration, the date and details of actual delivery i.e. SGL Form No., etc. This record should be made available to the Reserve Bank for verification. Banks should immediately report any cases of failure to maintain such records.
- (vi) Such type of sale transactions of Government Securities allotted in the auctions for primary issues on the same day and based on authenticated allotment advice should be subjected to concurrent audit and the relative audit report should be placed before the Executive Director or the Chairman and Managing Director of the Bank once every month. A copy thereof should also be sent to DBS, RBI, Central Office, Mumbai.
- (vii) Banks will be solely responsible for any failure of the contracts due to the securities not being credited to their SGL account on account of non-payment / bouncing of cheque, etc.
- (viii) Banks can repo G-Sec (on T+0 basis) that have already been contracted for sale (on T+1 basis). Banks, while undertaking such transactions, shall ensure that adequate balances are available in their SGL / CSGL accounts to ensure settlement of the transactions on the date of settlement.

### Guidelines on Stripping/Reconstitution of Government Securities

Stripping is a process of converting periodic coupon payments of an existing Government Security into tradable zero-coupon securities, which will usually trade in the market at a discount and are redeemed at face value. Thus, stripping a five-year security would yield 10 coupon securities (representing the coupons), maturing on the respective coupon dates and one principal security representing the principal amount, maturing on the redemption date of the five-year security. Reconstitution is the reverse of stripping, where, the Coupon STRIPS and Principal STRIPS are reassembled into the original Government Security.

2. In terms of Explanation to section 11(2) of the Government Securities Act 2006, “*A Government security may be stripped separately for interest and principal or reconstituted on the application of the holder subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified*”. Accordingly, the terms and conditions for stripping and/or reconstitution of Securities issued by the Government of India have been notified by the Reserve Bank vide Notification IDMD.1762/2009-10 dated October 16, 2009 (**Annex I-D-1**)

### Process of Stripping/Reconstitution

3. Stripping/Reconstitution will be carried out at RBI as an automated process within the Negotiated Dealing System (NDS). The process of stripping/reconstitution will be a straight-through process without any manual intervention. Requests for stripping/reconstitution will be generated and approved by market participants on the NDS and the same will, thereafter, flow to a PD of their choice for authorization. After authorization by the PD, such requests would be received and processed by the system (PDO-NDS) and necessary accounting entries posted in the accounts of the requesting participant for the STRIPS created/securities reconstituted. The NDS will carry out the necessary validation checks like eligibility of securities, balances available, etc., on the requests for stripping/reconstitution made by participants. However, participants are required to ensure that sufficient balances are available in their accounts before putting through requests for stripping/reconstitution.

4. Normally, ISIN for Government Securities are assigned at the time of auction of the securities. However, in the case of STRIPS, as these securities are created at the request of the participant, ISIN as well as nomenclature for STRIPS are created automatically based on a predefined algorithm (see **Annex I-D-2**).

5. Individual STRIPS (Coupon as well as Principal) will have a face value of Rs.100.

## **Eligibility**

6. Any entity, including individuals, holding balances of Government Securities that are eligible for stripping/reconstitution (as notified by RBI from time to time) can strip/reconstitute these securities. However, a participant (non-PD) desirous of stripping/reconstituting his balance of eligible Government Securities/STRIPS should generate a request on the NDS for stripping/reconstitution by choosing any one of the Primary Dealers. Such requests for stripping/reconstitution by non-PD members shall be authorized by the PD and thereafter flow to the NDS for appropriate action (stripping/reconstitution). Requests for stripping/reconstitution by GAH shall be placed by the GAH with their respective custodians, who, in turn, will place the requests, on behalf of its constituents, in the NDS. Since stripping/reconstitution is permitted only in respect of securities held in electronic form, any participant desirous of stripping/reconstituting Government Securities should have a SGL Account with the Reserve Bank or a Gilt Account with a custodian maintaining a CSGL Account with the Reserve Bank. In the case of Primary Dealers, they can place requests directly in the NDS for stripping/reconstitution and need not route the same through another PD.

7. Initially, all PDs would be eligible to authorize stripping/reconstitution requests. However, Reserve Bank, at its discretion, can exclude any PD from authorizing such requests. Market participants will have the flexibility to choose a PD of their choice while submitting requests for stripping/reconstitution. PDs will act as market makers in STRIPS and provide two-way quote in the market.

## **Timings**

8. Requests for stripping can be submitted by participants between 9.00 am and 2.00 pm only. All requests for stripping, received by the system (PDO-NDS), will be processed at 2.00 pm and necessary book entries will be passed in the SGL account of the participants to credit the due amount of STRIPS (coupon as well as principal) on account of stripping. All requests that have not been authorized by 2.00 pm will be rejected by the system. Stripping requests cannot be approved/authorized after 2.00 pm on any business/working day.

9. Similarly, requests for reconstitution can be submitted between 9.00 am and 2.00 pm only. However, the requests for reconstitution would be processed online i.e., as and when such requests are authorized by the PD, and the necessary accounting entries would be passed in the SGL account of the requesting participant immediately subject to availability of sufficient and necessary balances. As indicated at paragraph 8 above, requests for reconstitution that are not authorized by 2.00 pm will be rejected by the system. No reconstitution request can be approved/authorized after 2.00 pm on any business/working day. Since reconstitution requests

are processed online, such requests, whenever routed through a PD, must be authorized by the PD within 15 minutes of the receipt of the system notification (authorization request).

### **Eligible Securities**

10. The Reserve Bank will notify, from time to time, the securities that are eligible for stripping/reconstitution. To begin with, securities issued by Government of India, other than floating rate bonds, with coupon dates as 2<sup>nd</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, will be eligible for stripping/reconstitution. Thus, all outstanding securities issued by Government of India, except floating rate bonds, with coupon dates/maturity date as 2<sup>nd</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, irrespective of the year of maturity, will be eligible for stripping/reconstitution.

### **Minimum amount for stripping/reconstitution**

11. The minimum amount of securities that needs to be submitted for Stripping/Reconstitution will be Rs.1 crore (face value) and in multiples thereof.

### **Accounting and Valuation**

12. STRIPS, being zero coupon securities, trade at a discount and are redeemed at face value. Thus, STRIPS will have to be valued and accounted for as zero coupon bonds and in the manner prescribed in this Master Circular.

13. The discount rates used for valuation of STRIPS at inception should be market-based. However, in case traded zero-coupon rates are not available, the zero coupon yields published by FIMMDA should be used instead.

14. Accounting entries in the SGL accounts as a consequence of stripping/reconstitution, will be passed at the face value. Thus, when a participant places a request for stripping, his SGL account will be debited by the face value of the Government Security submitted for this purpose, and will be simultaneously credited with the aggregate face value of Coupon STRIPS (equal to the aggregate coupon amounts) as well as the face value of Principal STRIPS (equal to the face value of the government security). An illustration is given in **Annex I-D-3**.

15.1 However, on the day of stripping, the STRIPS should be recognised in the books of account of the participant at their discounted value and at the same time, the Government Security in question should be derecognised. The accounting treatment for reconstitution should be exactly the opposite of stripping. The detailed procedure for accounting of STRIPS is given below.

15.2 The stripping/reconstitution, per se, should not result in any profit or loss. As the present value of the STRIPS (coupon as well as principal) discounted using the Zero Coupon Yield Curve (ZCYC) will not be equal to the book value/market value of the security, the value of STRIPS shall be normalized using a factor that will be the ratio of the book value or market value of the security (whichever is lower) to the sum total of the market value of all STRIPS created out of the security (illustration given in **Annex –I-D-4**). This will ensure that the sum total of the market value of STRIPS equals the book value/market value of the security, whichever is lower.

15.3 Banks can strip eligible Government Securities held under the AFS/HFT category of their investment portfolio. However, if strips are to be created out of securities held in the HTM category, then the security first needs to be transferred to AFS/HFT category. The shifting of securities from HTM category for the purpose of stripping will be as per the relevant guidelines prescribed by DBR on prudential norms for classification, valuation and operation of investment portfolio by banks.

15.4 In case STRIPS are created from securities held in the HTM portfolio, the securities should be transferred from the HTM category to the AFS/HFT category (as per the shifting discipline from HTM) and the shifted security shall be carried at the least of the book value/market value. Depreciation, if any, shall be provided for and appreciation, if any, ignored as hitherto. Thereafter, the lower of the book value/market value will be used for normalizing the market value of individual STRIPS to the book value/market value. Post- stripping, the book value/market value of the existing securities will be derecognized and replaced by the normalized value of STRIPS whose sum total shall exactly equal the book value/market value of the extinguished security (thereby ensuring that there is no profit or loss on account of stripping). Any appreciation, arising due to the shifting of the security from HTM shall be ignored. The same methodology would follow for securities that are stripped from the AFS/HFT portfolio.

15.5 (i) Before a security is stripped, it must be marked to market. Appreciation, if any, should be ignored and depreciation, if any, must be recognised if the market value is lower than the book value. Such depreciation cannot be aggregated for the purpose of arriving at net depreciation/appreciation of investment under the AFS/HFT category. The book value/ market value of the security, whichever is lower, must be used to normalise the STRIPS.

- (ii) The Normalisation principle, on stripping/reconstitution will be applied on the clean price of the security (without considering the accrued interest) as the accrued interest is booked as income/expenditure.
- (iii) Normalisation should also be applied in the case of reconstitution (even when STRIPS are acquired from the market).
- (iv) The book value of the STRIPS (ZCBs) should be valued and marked to market as per extant DBR guidelines. Accordingly, the book value of the STRIPS shall be marked up to the extent of accrued interest before MTM. In other words, once a security has been acquired, it will attract the treatment accorded to any other zero coupon security.

### **SLR Status of STRIPS**

16. STRIPS will be reckoned as eligible Government Securities for SLR purposes and retain all the characteristics of Government Security. They will be eligible securities for market repo as well as repo under LAF of RBI but with appropriate haircut.

### **Trading in STRIPS**

17. To begin with, STRIPS will be tradable only in the OTC market. Hence, trades in STRIPS will have to be undertaken in the OTC market and reported on NDS for clearing and settlement through CCIL.

18. Short sale of STRIPS shall not be permitted.

19. Participants shall not sell STRIPS/securities upfront based on the requests placed by them for stripping/reconstitution. Accordingly, sale transaction in STRIPS/securities shall be undertaken by participants only after the securities are stripped/reconstituted and the same is reflected in the SGL account of the participant.

### **Fees & Charges**

20. Reserve Bank will not charge any fees for stripping/reconstitution of Government Securities. Further, to begin with, PDs, who are the “authorized entities” for authorizing requests for stripping/reconstitution in the PDO-NDS may also not charge the participants for carrying out this activity.

I. Definitions

- (a) "STRIPS" (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities) are distinct, separate securities that are created from the cash flows of a Government security and shall consist of –
- (i) Coupon STRIPS, where the single cash flow of the STRIPS represents a coupon flow of the original security
  - (ii) Principal STRIPS, where the single cash flow of the STRIPS represents the principal cash flow of the original security.

*Explanation:* Stripping of a security shall result in Coupon STRIPS for all outstanding coupon payments and one Principal STRIPS for the redemption payment. Each STRIPS accordingly becomes a ZCB since it has only one cash flow at maturity. Each STRIPS shall be a distinct Government Security and shall have a separate and distinct International Securities Identification Number (ISIN).

- (b) "Stripping" means the process of separating the cash flows associated with a regular Government Security i.e., each outstanding semi-annual coupon payment and the final principal payment into separate securities.
- (c) "Reconstitution" means the reverse process of stripping, where the individual STRIPS i.e., both coupon STRIPS and Principal STRIPS are reassembled to get back the original security.
- (d) "Authorized entity" means a PD or any other entity recognized by the Reserve Bank to accept requests from the holders of Government Securities for stripping/reconstitution of the securities and submission to the Reserve Bank.

II. Terms and Conditions for STRIPS

1. The process of stripping/reconstitution of Government Securities shall be carried out at RBI, PDO in the PDO-NDS (Negotiated Dealing System).
2. All dated Government Securities other than floating rate bonds having coupon payment dates on 2<sup>nd</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, irrespective of the year of maturity shall be eligible for Stripping/Reconstitution.
3. All Coupon STRIPS with the same maturity date shall have the same ISIN, regardless of the underlying security from which the interest payments were stripped, and coupon STRIPS of the same cash flow shall be fungible (interchangeable). The ISIN of Coupon STRIPS shall be different from the ISIN of Principal STRIPS, even if they have the same maturity date, and shall not be fungible.

4. Stripping/reconstitution may be done at the option of the holder at any time from the date of issuance of a Government Security till its maturity.
5. Stripping/reconstitution shall be permitted only in the eligible Government Securities held in the Subsidiary General Ledger (SGL)/Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger (CSGL) accounts maintained at the PDO, RBI, Mumbai. Physical securities shall not be eligible for stripping/reconstitution.
6. Holders of Government Securities shall place their requests for stripping/reconstitution only with an "Authorized entity".
7. Reserve Bank will not charge any fees on stripping/reconstitution.
8. The amount of securities that could be tendered for stripping/reconstitution shall be a minimum of Rs.1 crore and in multiples thereof.
9. These terms and conditions shall come into effect from the date of this Notification.

**ISIN for STRIPS**Structure:

I	N			M	M	Y	Y				
Country code	Issuer type/state code	Month and year of maturity of the STRIP			Security type	Subsequent strips/series serial number			Checksum digit		

**Example of a CG Principal STRIP maturing in March 2011:**

I	N	0	0	0	3	1	1	P	0	1	
Country code	Issuer type/state code	Month and year of maturity of the STRIP			Security type	Subsequent strips/series serial number			Checksum digit		

**Example of a CG Coupon STRIP maturing in March 2011:**

I	N	0	0	0	3	1	1	C	0	1	
Country code	Issuer type/state code	Month and year of maturity of the STRIP			Security type	Subsequent strips/series serial number			Checksum digit		

**Nomenclature for Coupon STRIPS**

GSDDMONYYYYC; where GS=Government Security, DDMONYYYY=date of maturity of the STRIPS and C=Coupon STRIP. (Ex. A coupon STRIP maturing on March 25, 2011 would be written as **GS25MAR2011C**)

**Nomenclature for Principal STRIPS**

x.xx%GSDDMONYYYYP; where x.xx is the coupon of the parent security from which the principal STRIP has been generated, GS=Government Security, DDMONYYYY=date of maturity of the STRIPS and P=Principal STRIPS. (Ex. A principal STRIP generated from, say, 7.99%2019 maturing on 02 July 2019 will be written as **7.99%GS02JUL2019P**)

## Stripping of securities – An illustration

**Strippable Securities**

Security	Date of Maturity
9.39% 2011	02-Jul-11
12.30 % 2016	02-Jul-16

Investor "A"

**Portfolio as on October 16, 2009 (in the books of PDO, Mumbai)**

Security	Rs. (Cr) {Face Value}
9.39% 2011	100.00
12.30 % 2016	250.00

On March 17, 2010, investor "A" strips Rs.5 Cr worth of 9.39%2011 & Rs.10 Cr worth of 12.30%2016

STRIPS generated

9.39% 2011		
	02 July 10	2,347,500
	02 Jan 11	2,347,500
	02 July 11	2,347,500
<b>Principal STRIP (PS)</b>	02 July 11	50,000,000

# Each coupon strip = {9.39%/2} x 5 Cr.

12.30 % 2016		
	02 July 10	6,150,000
	02 Jan 11	6,150,000
	02 July 11	6,150,000
	02 Jan 12	6,150,000
	02 July 12	6,150,000
	02 Jan 13	6,150,000
	02 July 13	6,150,000
	02 Jan 14	6,150,000
	02 July 14	6,150,000
	02 Jan 15	6,150,000
	02 July 15	6,150,000
	02 Jan 16	6,150,000
	02 July 16	6,150,000
<b>Principal STRIP (PS)</b>	02 July 16	100,000,000

# Each coupon strip = {12.30%/2} x 10 Cr.

**Portfolio as on March 17, 2010 after stripping (in the books of PDO, Mumbai)**

Security	Amount (Rs.) {Face Value}
9.39% 2011	950,000,000
12.30 % 2016	2,400,000,000
CS 02 July 10	8,497,500
CS 02 Jan 11	8,497,500
CS 02 July 11	8,497,500
CS 02 Jan 12	6,150,000
CS 02 July 12	6,150,000
CS 02 Jan 13	6,150,000
CS 02 July 13	6,150,000
CS 02 Jan 14	6,150,000
CS 02 July 14	6,150,000
CS 02 Jan 15	6,150,000
CS 02 July 15	6,150,000
CS 02 Jan 16	6,150,000
CS 02 July 16	6,150,000
PS 02 July 11	50,000,000
PS 02 July 16	100,000,000

# CS=Coupon STRIPS; PS=Principal STRIP

## Annex I-D-4

### Procedure for normalization of STRIPS (at stripping/reconstitution) to ensure no profit/loss

(For illustration only)

Security                    12.30% 2016  
 Date of maturity        02-Jul-16  
 Coupon                    12.30%  
 Date of Stripping      03-Mar-10

(1) Market value of 12.30% on 03-Mar-10	129.96
(2) Book Value	120.00
(3) Sum total of PV of STRIPS	127.87
(4) Normalization Factor [(2) ÷ (3)]	0.9385

	Maturity Date	Maturity amount	ZCYC	PV of STRIPS (Market Value)	Normalized value of STRIPS
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	[0.9385 x (d)]
1	2/Jul/10	6.15	4.0683	6.0274	5.6564
2	2/Jan/11	6.15	4.6948	5.8711	5.5098
3	2/Jul/11	6.15	5.3212	5.6841	5.3343
4	2/Jan/12	6.15	5.6128	5.5055	5.1666
5	2/Jul/12	6.15	5.9044	5.3174	4.9901
6	2/Jan/13	6.15	6.1339	5.1305	4.8147
7	2/Jul/13	6.15	6.3633	4.9392	4.6352
8	2/Jan/14	6.15	6.4744	4.7663	4.4730
9	2/Jul/14	6.15	6.5855	4.5946	4.3118
10	2/Jan/15	6.15	6.7227	4.4187	4.1467
11	2/Jul/15	6.15	6.8599	4.2439	3.9827
12	2/Jan/16	6.15	6.9971	4.0707	3.8201
13	2/Jul/16	106.15	7.1343	67.3029	63.1606
<b>TOTAL</b>				127.87	120.00

**Note:**

1. The security is presumed to be held in HTM category and hence is to be shifted to AFS/HFT before stripping, marked-to-market and the lower of the book value or market value will be used to arrive at the normalization factor.
2. In case the market value of 12.30% 2016 is less than the book value then the market value, instead of the book value, will be used to normalize the STRIPS, i.e., the normalization factor would be **market value ÷ sum total of PV of STRIPS**; where the PV of STRIPS are arrived at by discounting the cash flow using the ZCYC.
3. Securities in AFS/HFT will be normalized using the same principle (i.e., lower of market value/book value).

**Repo in Corporate Debt Securities (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2015**

**1. Short title and commencement of the directions**

These directions may be called the Repo in Corporate Debt Securities (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2015.

**2. Definitions**

- a. 'Corporate Debt Security' means non-convertible debt securities, which create or acknowledge indebtedness, including debentures, bonds and such other securities of a company or a body corporate constituted by or under a Central or State Act, whether constituting a charge on the assets of the company or body corporate or not, but does not include debt securities issued by Government or such other persons as may be specified by the Reserve Bank, security receipts and securitized debt instruments"
- b. 'Security Receipts' means a security as defined in clause (zg) of section 2 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)
- c. 'Securitized debt instrument' means securities of the nature referred to in sub-clause (ie) of clause (h) of section 2 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (42 of 1956).

**3. Eligible underlying collateral for repo in Corporate Debt Securities**

- a. Listed corporate debt securities of original maturity of more than one year which are rated 'AA' or above by the rating agencies registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), that are held in the security account of the repo seller, in demat form.
- b. Commercial Papers (CPs), Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) of original maturity upto one year which are rated A2 or above by the rating agencies registered with SEBI.
- c. Bonds which are rated 'AA' or above, by the rating agencies registered with SEBI or internationally recognised rating agencies, and which are issued by multilateral financial institutions like the World Bank Group (e.g., IBRD, IFC), the Asian Development Bank or the African Development Bank and other such entities as may be notified by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

**4. Eligible Participants**

The following entities shall be eligible to undertake repo transactions in corporate debt securities:

- a. Any scheduled commercial bank excluding RRBs and LABs;
- b. Any Primary Dealer authorised by the Reserve Bank;
- c. Any non-banking financial company registered with the Reserve Bank of India, including Government companies as defined in sub-section (45) of section 2 of the Companies Act,

2013, which adhere to the prudential norms for NBFCs prescribed by Department of Non-Banking Regulation, Reserve Bank of India from time to time"

- d. All-India Financial Institutions, namely, Exim Bank, NABARD, NHB and SIDBI;
- e. India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited;
- f. Any scheduled urban cooperative bank subject to adherence to conditions prescribed by the Reserve Bank;
- g. Other regulated entities, subject to the approval of the regulators concerned, viz.,
  - i. Any mutual fund registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India;
  - ii. Any housing finance company registered with the National Housing Bank; and
  - iii. Any insurance company registered with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- h. Any other entity specifically permitted by the Reserve Bank.

## **5. Tenor**

Repos in corporate debt securities shall be for a minimum period of one day and a maximum period of one year.

## **6. Trading**

Participants shall enter into repo transactions in corporate debt securities in the OTC market.

## **7. Reporting of Trades**

All repo trades shall be reported within 15 minutes of the trade on the reporting platform of Clearcorp Dealing Systems (India) Ltd. (CDSIL).

## **8. Settlement of trades**

- a. All repo trades in corporate debt securities shall settle either on a T+0, T+1 or T+2 basis under DvP I (gross basis) framework.
- b. Repo transactions in corporate debt securities shall be settled through the clearing house of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), i.e., the National Securities Clearing Corporation Limited (NSCCL), the clearing house of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), i.e., Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL), and the clearing house of the MCX-Stock Exchange, i.e., MCX-SX Clearing Corporation Limited (CCL), as per the norms specified by NSCCL, ICCL and CCL from time to time.
- c. On the date of reversal of repo trades, the clearing houses shall compute the obligations of the parties and facilitate settlement on DvP-I basis.

## **9. Prohibition on sale of repoed security**

The security acquired under repo shall not be sold by the repo buyer (lender of the funds) during the period of repo.

## **10. Haircut**

A rating based minimum haircut as prescribed by Reserve Bank of India (or higher as may be decided by the participants depending on the term of the repo and the remargining frequency) shall be applicable on the market value of the corporate debt security prevailing on the date of 1st leg of repo trade. Presently, the minimum haircut prescribed is as under :

Rating	AAA / A1	AA+ / A2+	AA / A2
Minimum haircut	7.5%	8.5%	10%

## **11. Valuation**

For arriving at the market value of the corporate debt security, the participants undertaking repo in corporate bonds may refer to the credit spreads published by the FIMMDA.

## **12. Capital Adequacy**

The repo transactions in corporate debt securities shall attract capital charge in terms of relevant provisions of the Master Circular on 'Basel III Capital Regulations'

## **13. Disclosure**

The details of corporate debt securities lent or acquired under repo or reverse repo transactions shall be disclosed in the "Notes on Accounts" to the Balance Sheet.

## **14. Accounting**

The repo transactions in corporate debt securities shall be accounted as per the guidelines on uniform accounting for repo / reverse repo transactions.

## **15. Computation of CRR / SLR & borrowing limit**

- a. The amount borrowed by a bank through repo in corporate debt securities shall be reckoned as part of its Demand and Time Liabilities (DTL) and the same shall attract CRR / SLR.
- b. The borrowings of a bank through repo in corporate debt securities shall be reckoned as its liabilities for reserve requirement and, to the extent these liabilities are to the banking system, they shall be netted as per clause (d) of the explanation under section 42(1) of the RBI Act, 1934. Such borrowings shall, however, be subject to the prudential limits for inter-bank liabilities prescribed vide circular DBOD.BP.BC.66/21.01.002/2006-07 dated March 06, 2007.

## **16. Documentation**

The participants shall enter into bilateral Master Repo Agreement as per the documentation finalized by the FIMMDA.

**Investment portfolio of banks - Transactions in securities - Aggregate contract limit for individual brokers**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Issue Raised</b>	<b>Response</b>
1.	The year should be calendar year or financial year?	Since banks close their accounts at the end of March, it may be more convenient to follow the financial year. However, the banks may follow calendar year or any other period of 12 months provided, it is consistently, followed in future.
2.	Whether the limit is to be observed with reference to total transactions of the previous year as the total transactions of the current year should be known only at the end of the year?	The limit has to be observed with reference to the year under review. While operating the limit, the bank should keep in view the expected turnover of the current year which may be based on turnover of the previous year and anticipated rise or fall in the volume of business in the current year.
3.	Whether to arrive at the total transactions of the year, transactions entered into directly with counter-parties i.e. where no brokers are involved would also be taken into account	Not necessary. However, if there are any direct deals with the brokers as purchasers or sellers the same would have to be included in the total transactions to arrive at the limit of transactions to be done through an individual broker.
4.	Whether in case of Ready Forward (R/F) deals both the legs of the deals i.e. purchase as well as sale will be included to arrive at the volume of total transactions?	Yes. This is however only theoretical as R/F transactions in Govt. Security is now prohibited except in Treasury Bills and the 3 year dated securities issued by conversion of Treasury Bills recently.
5.	Whether central loan /state loan /treasury bills etc. purchased subscriptions/ auction will be, included in the volume of total transactions?	No, as brokers are not involved as intermediaries.

6.	It is possible that even though bank considers that a particular broker has touched the prescribed limit of 5% he may come with an offer during the remaining period of the year which the bank may find it to its advantage as compared to offers received from the other brokers who have not yet done business upto the prescribed limit.	If the offer received is more advantageous the limit for the broker may be exceeded the reasons therefor recorded and approval of the competent authority / Board obtained post facto.
7.	Whether the transactions conducted on behalf of the clients would also be included in the total transactions of the year?	Yes. If they are conducted through the brokers.
8.	For a bank which rarely deals through brokers and consequently the volume of business is small maintaining the broker-wise limit of 5% may mean splitting the orders in small values amongst different brokers and there may also arise price differential.	There may be no need to split an order. If any deal causes the particular broker's share to exceed 5% limit, our circular provides the necessary flexibility in as much as Board's post facto approval can be obtained.
9.	During the course of the year it may not be possible to reasonably predict what will be the total quantum of transactions through brokers as a result of which there could be deviation in complying with the norm of 5%.	The bank may get post facto approval from the Board after explaining to it the circumstances under which the limit was exceeded.
10.	Some of the small private sector banks have mentioned that where the volume of business particularly the transactions done through brokers is small the observance of 5% limit may be difficult. A suggestion has therefore been made that the limit may be required to be observed if the business done through a broker exceeds a cut-off point of say Rs.10 crore.	As already observed the limit of 5 per cent can be exceeded subject to reporting the transactions to the competent authority post facto. Hence, no change in our instructions is considered necessary.

**Guidelines on Investments by Banks in Non-SLR Investment Portfolio by Banks - Definitions**

1. With a view to imparting clarity and to ensure that there is no divergence in the implementation of the guidelines, some of the terms used in the guidelines on non-SLR investments are defined below.
2. A security will be treated as rated if it is subjected to a detailed rating exercise by an external rating agency in India, which is registered with SEBI and is carrying a current or valid rating. The rating relied upon will be deemed to be current or valid if:
  - i) The credit rating letter relied upon is not more than one month old on the date of opening of the issue, and
  - ii) The rating rationale from the rating agency is not more than one year old on the date of opening of the issue, and
  - iii) The rating letter and the rating rationale is a part of the offer document.
  - iv) In the case of secondary market acquisition, the credit rating of the issue should be in force and confirmed from the monthly bulletin published by the respective rating agency.

Securities which do not have a current or valid rating by an external rating agency would be deemed as unrated securities.

3. The investment grade ratings awarded by each of the external rating agencies operating in India would be identified by the IBA / FIMMDA. These would also be reviewed by IBA / FIMMDA at least once a year.
4. A 'listed' security is a security which is listed in a stock exchange.

**Prudential Guidelines on Management of the Non-SLR Investment Portfolio by Banks - Disclosure Requirements**

Banks should make the following disclosures in the 'Notes on Accounts' of the balance sheet in respect of their non-SLR investment portfolio.

(i) **Issuer composition of Non SLR investments**

(Rs. in crore)						
Sl. No	Issuer	Amount	Extent of private placement	Extent of 'below investment grade' securities	Extent of 'unrated' securities	Extent of 'unlisted' securities
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	PSUs					
2.	FIs					
3.	Banks					
4.	Private Corporates					
5.	Subsidiaries / Joint ventures					
6.	Others					
7.	Provision held towards depreciation		XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
<b>Total *</b>						

**Note:** 1. \* Total under column 3 should tally with the total of investments included under the following categories in Schedule 8 to the balance sheet:

- (a) Shares (b) Debentures & Bonds (c) Subsidiaries/joint ventures (d) Others
- 2. Amounts reported under columns 4, 5, 6 and 7 above may not be mutually exclusive.

(ii) **Non-performing Non-SLR investments**

Particulars	Amount (Rs. Crore)
Opening balance	
Additions during the year since 1st April	
Reductions during the above period	
Closing balance	
Total provisions held	

**RETURN/STATEMENT No. 9**

Proforma Statement showing the position of Reconciliation of Investment Account as on 31st March

Name of the bank/ Institution:

Face value Rs. in crore

<b>Particulars securities</b>	<b>of General Ledger Balance</b>	<b>SGL Balance</b>		<b>BRs held</b>	<b>SGL Forms held</b>	<b>Actual Scrips Held</b>	<b>Outstanding deliveries</b>
		<b>As per PDO Books</b>	<b>As per bank's/ institution's books</b>				
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Central Govt							
State Government							
Other approved							
Public Sector							
Units of UTI (1964)							
Others (Shares & Debenture							
<b>TOTAL</b>							

Signature of the Authorised Official  
with the Name and Designation

**Note:** Similar statements may be furnished in respect of PMS client's Accounts and other constituents' Accounts (including Brokers). In the case of PMS/other constituents' accounts, the face value and book value of securities appearing in the relevant registers of the bank should be mentioned under Column 2.

**General instructions for compiling reconciliation statement**

**a) Column - 2 (GL balances)**

It is not necessary to give complete details of securities in the format. Only aggregate amount of face value against each category may be mentioned. The corresponding book value of securities may be indicated in bracket under the amount of face value of securities under each category.

**b) Column - 3 and 4 (SGL balances)**

In the normal course balances indicated against column three and four should agree with each

other. In case of any difference on account of any transaction not being recorded either in PDO or in the books of the bank this should be explained giving full details of each transaction.

**c) Column - 5 (BRs held)**

If the bank is holding any BRs for purchases for more than 30 days from the date of its issue, particulars of such BRs should be given in a separate statement.

**d) Column - 6 (SGL forms held)**

Aggregate amount of SGL forms received for purchases, which have not been tendered with PDO, should be given here.

**e) Column - 7**

Aggregate amount of all scrips held in the form of bonds, letters of allotments, subscription receipts as also certificates of entries in the books of accounts of the issuer (for other than government securities), etc. including securities which have been sold but physical delivery has not been given should be mentioned.

**f) Column - 8 (outstanding deliveries)**

This relates to BRs issued by the bank, where the physicals/scrips have not been delivered but the balance in General Ledger has been reduced. If any BR issued is outstanding for more than thirty days the particulars of such BRs may be given in a separate list indicating reasons for not affecting the delivery of scrips.

**g) General**

Face value of securities indicated against each item in column two should be accounted for under any one of the columns from four to seven. Similarly, amount of outstanding deliveries (BRs issued) which has been indicated in column eight will have to be accounted for under one of the columns four to seven. Thus the total of columns two and eight should tally with total of columns four to seven.

### **Disclosures**

The following disclosures should be made by banks in the 'Notes on Accounts' to the Balance Sheet.

(Rs. in crore)				
	Minimum outstanding during the year	Maximum outstanding during the year	Daily outstanding during the year	Average As on March 31
Securities sold under repos				
Securities purchased under reverse repos				

**Recommended Accounting Methodology for accounting of Repo / Reverse Repo transactions**

- i The following accounts may be maintained , viz. i) Repo Account, ii) Reverse Repo Account, iii) Reverse Repo Interest Income Account, iv) Repo Interest Expenditure Account v) Reverse Repo Interest Receivable Account and vi) Repo Interest Payable Account.
- ii In addition to the above, the following 'contra' accounts may also be maintained, viz. i) Securities Sold under Repo Account, (ii) Securities Purchased under Reverse Repo Account, (iii) Securities Receivable under Repo Account and (iv) Securities Deliverable under Reverse Repo Account.

**Repo**

- iii In a repo transaction, the securities should be sold in the first leg at market related prices and re-purchased in the second leg at the same prices. The consideration amount in the second leg would, however, include the repo interest. The sale and repurchase should be reflected in the Repo Account.
- iv Though the securities are not excluded from the repo seller's investment account and not included in the repo buyer's investment account, the transfer of securities shall be reflected by using the necessary contra entries.

**Reverse Repo**

- v In a reverse repo transaction, the securities should be purchased in the first leg at prevailing market prices and sold in the second leg at the same prices. The consideration amount in the second leg would, however, include the repo interest. The purchase and sale should be reflected in the Reverse Repo Account.
- vi The balances in the Reverse Repo Account shall not be a part of the Investment Account for balance sheet purposes but can be reckoned for SLR purposes if the securities acquired under reverse repo transactions are approved securities.

**Other aspects relating to Repo/Reverse Repo**

- vii In case the interest payment date of the securities sold under repo falls within the repo period, the coupons received by the buyer of the security should be passed on to the seller on the date of receipt as the cash consideration payable by the seller in the second leg does not include any intervening cash flows.
- viii To reflect the accrual of interest in respect of the outstanding repo transactions at the end of the accounting period, appropriate entries should be passed in the Profit and Loss account to reflect Repo Interest Income / Expenditure in the books of the buyer / seller respectively and the same should be debited / credited as an expenditure payable/income receivable. Such entries passed should be reversed on the first working day of the next accounting period.
- ix Repo seller continues to accrue coupon/discount as the case may be, even during the repo period while the repo buyer shall not accrue the same.
- x Illustrative examples are given in **Annex – VIII-B**

### **Illustrative examples for accounting of Repo / Reverse repo transactions**

***While in the body of the circular, the term "repo" is used generically to include both repo and reverse repo (which is simply a mirror image of a repo transaction), in this Annex the accounting guidelines have been set out separately for repo and reverse repo for clarity.***

#### **A. Repo/Reverse Repo of dated security**

##### **1. Details of Repo in a coupon bearing security:**

Security offered under repo	6.35% 2020	
Coupon payment dates	02 January and 02 July	
Market Price of security	Rs.90.9100	(1)
Date of the repo	28-Mar-2010	
Repo interest rate	5.00%	
Tenor of the repo	5 days	
Reversal date for the repo	02-Apr-2010	
Broken period interest for the first leg*	$6.35\% \times 86 / 360 \times 100 = 1.5169$	(2)
Cash consideration for the first leg	$(1) + (2) = 92.4269$	(3)
Repo interest**	$92.4269 \times 5 / 365 \times 5.00\% = 0.0633$	(4)
Cash Consideration for the second leg	$(3)+(4) = 92.4269 + 0.0633 = 92.4902$	

\* ***Using 30/360 day count convention***

\*\* ***Using Actual/365 day count convention***

##### **2. Accounting for Repo Seller (Borrower of Funds)**

###### First leg

	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Cash	92.4269	
Repo A/c		92.4269
Securities Receivable under Repo A/c (by contra)	92.4269	
Securities Sold under Repo A/c (by contra)		92.4269

###### Second Leg

	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Repo A/c	92.4269	
Repo Interest Expenditure A/c	0.0633	
Cash A/c		92.4902
Securities Sold under Repo A/c (by contra)	92.4269	
Securities Receivable under Repo A/c (by contra)		92.4269

### **3. Accounting for Repo Buyer (Lender of Funds)**

First leg

	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Reverse Repo A/c	92.4269	
Cash A/c		92.4269
Securities Purchased under Reverse Repo A/c (by contra)	92.4269	
Securities Deliverable under Reverse Repo A/c (by contra)		92.4269

Second Leg

	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Cash A/c	92.4902	
Reverse Repo A/c		92.4269
Reverse Repo Interest Income A/c		0.0633
Securities Deliverable under Reverse Repo A/c (by contra)	92.4269	
Securities Purchased under Reverse Repo A/c (by contra)		92.4269

### **4. Ledger entries for the adjustment accounts Securities Receivable under Repo A/c**

<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	
To Securities Sold under Repo A/c (repo 1 <sup>st</sup> leg)	92.4269	By Securities Sold under Repo A/c (repo 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg)
		92.4269

#### **Securities Sold under Repo A/c**

<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	
To Securities Receivable under Repo A/c (repo 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg)	92.4269	By Securities Receivable under Repo A/c (repo 1 <sup>st</sup> leg)
		92.4269

#### **Securities Purchased under Repo A/c**

<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	
To Securities Deliverable under Reverse Repo A/c (reverse repo 1 <sup>st</sup> leg)	92.4269	By Securities Deliverable under Reverse Repo A/c (reverse repo 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg)
		92.4269

#### **Securities Deliverable under Repo A/c**

<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	
To Securities Purchased under Reverse Repo A/c (reverse repo 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg)	92.4269	By Securities Purchased under Reverse Repo A/c (Reverse Repo 1 <sup>st</sup> leg)
		92.4269

5. If the balance sheet date falls during the tenor of the repo, participants may use the transit accounts, i.e., Repo Interest Payable A/c and Reverse Repo Interest Receivable A/c to record the accrued interest and reverse the same the following day. The balances in the repo interest receivable and payable shall be taken to the P & L Account with appropriate entries passed in the Balance sheet, as below:-

Transaction Leg	1st leg	Balance Sheet Date	2nd leg
Dates	28-Mar-10	31-Mar-10	02-Apr-10

**a) Entries in the Books of Repo Seller (borrower of funds) on 31-Mar-10**

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Repo Interest Expenditure A/c [Balances under the account to be transferred to P & L]	0.0506 (being the repo interest for 4 days)	
Repo Interest Payable A/c		0.0506

Account Head	Debit	Credit
P & L A/c	0.0506	
Repo Interest Expenditure A/c		0.0506

**b) Reversal of entries in the Books of Repo Seller (borrower of funds) on 01-Apr-10**

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Repo Interest Payable A/c	0.0506	
Repo Interest Expenditure		0.0506

**c) Entries in books of Repo Buyer (Lender of Funds) on 31-Mar-10**

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Reverse Repo Interest Receivable A/c	0.0506	
Reverse Repo Interest Income A/c [Balances under the account to be transferred to P & L]		0.0506 (Being the repo interest for 4 days)

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Reverse Repo Interest Income A/c	0.0506	
P & L A/c		0.0506

**d) Reversal of entries in the Books of Repo Buyer (Lender of Funds) on 01-Apr-10**

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Reverse Repo Interest Income A/c	0.0506	
Reverse Repo Interest Receivable A/c		0.0506

## B. Repo/ Reverse Repo of Treasury Bill

### 1. Details of Repo on a Treasury Bill

Security offered under Repo	GOI 91 day Treasury Bill maturing on 07 May 2010	
Price of the security offered under Repo	Rs.99.0496	(1)
Date of the Repo	28-Mar-2010	
Repo interest rate	5%	
Tenor of the repo	5 days	
Total cash consideration for the first leg	99.0496	(2)
Repo interest *	99.0496 X 5% X 5 /365 = 0.0678	(3)
Cash consideration for the second leg	(2)+(3) = 99.0496 + 0.0678 = 99.1174	

\* *Using Actual/365 day count convention*

### 2. Accounting for Repo Seller (Borrower of Funds)

#### First leg

	Debit	Credit
Cash	99.0496	
Repo A/c		99.0496
Securities Receivable under Repo A/c (by contra)	99.0496	
Securities Sold under Repo A/c (by contra)		99.0496

#### Second Leg

	Debit	Credit
Repo A/c	99.0496	
Repo Interest Expenditure A/c	0.0678	
Cash A/c		99.1174
Securities Sold under Repo A/c (by contra)	99.0496	
Securities Receivable under Repo A/c (by contra)		99.0496

### 3. Accounting for Repo Buyer (Lender of Funds)

#### First leg

	Debit	Credit
Reverse Repo A/c	99.0496	
Cash A/c		99.0496
Securities Purchased under Reverse Repo A/c (by contra)	99.0496	
Securities Deliverable under Reverse Repo A/c (by contra)		99.0496

**Second Leg**

	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Cash A/c	99.1174	
Reverse Repo A/c		99.0496
Reverse Repo Interest Income A/c		0.0678
Securities Deliverable under Reverse Repo A/c (by contra)	99.0496	
Securities Purchased under Reverse Repo A/c (by contra)		99.0496

**4. Ledger entries for the adjustment accounts**

**Securities Receivable under Repo A/c**

<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>		
To Securities Sold under Repo A/c (repo 1 <sup>st</sup> leg)	99.0496	By Securities Sold under Repo A/c (repo 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg)	99.0496

**Securities Sold under Repo A/c**

<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>		
To Securities Receivable under Repo A/c (repo 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg)	99.0496	By Securities Receivable under Repo A/c (repo 1 <sup>st</sup> leg)	99.0496

**Securities Purchased under Repo A/c**

<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>		
To Securities Deliverable under Reverse Repo A/c (reverse repo 1 <sup>st</sup> leg)	99.0496	By Securities Deliverable under Reverse Repo A/c (reverse repo 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg)	99.0496

**Securities Deliverable under Repo A/c**

<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>		
To Securities Purchased under Reverse Repo A/c (reverse repo 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg)	99.0496	By Securities Purchased under Reverse Repo A/c (reverse repo 1 <sup>st</sup> leg)	99.0496

**5.** If the balance sheet date falls during the tenor of the repo, participants may use the transit accounts, i.e. Repo Interest Payable A/c and Reverse Repo Interest Receivable A/c to record the accrued interest and reverse the same the following day. The balances in the repo interest receivable and payable shall be taken to the P & L Account with appropriate entries passed in the Balance sheet, as below:-

<b>Transaction Leg</b>	<b>1st leg</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Date</b>	<b>2nd leg</b>
Dates	28-Mar-10	31-Mar-10	02-Apr-10

**a) Entries in the Books of Repo Seller (borrower of funds) on 31-Mar-10**

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Repo Interest Expenditure A/c [Balances under the account to be transferred to P & L]	0.0543 ( being the repo interest for 4 days)	
Repo Interest payable A/c		0.0543

Account Head	Debit	Credit
P & L A/c	0.0543	
Repo Interest Expenditure A/c		0.0543

**b) Reversal of entries in the Books of Repo Seller (borrower of funds) on 01-Apr-10**

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Repo Interest Payable A/c	0.0543	
Repo Interest Expenditure		0.0543

**c) Entries in books of Repo Buyer (Lender of Funds) on 31-Mar-10**

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Reverse Repo Interest Receivable A/c	0.0543	
Reverse Repo Interest Income A/c [Balances under the account to be transferred to P & L]		0.0543 (Being the repo interest for 4 days)

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Reverse Repo Interest Income A/c	0.0543	
P & L A/c		0.0543

**d) Reversal of entries in the Books of Repo Buyer (Lender of Funds) on 01-Apr-10**

Account Head	Debit	Credit
Reverse Repo Interest Income A/c	0.0543	
Reverse Repo Interest Receivable A/c		0.0543

## Appendix

### List of Circulars consolidated by the Master Circular

No.	Circular No.	Date	Subject
1.	DO.DBOD.No.FSC.46/C.469-91/92	July 26, 1991	Investment portfolio of banks - Transaction in securities
2.	DBOD.No.FSC.BC.143A/24.48.001/91-92	June 20, 1992	Investment portfolio of banks - Transaction in securities
3.	DBOD.No.FMC/BC/17/24.48.001.92/93	Aug 19, 1992	Investment portfolio of banks - Transaction in securities
4.	DBOD.FMC.BC.62/27.02.001/92-93	Dec 31, 1992	Investment portfolio of banks - Transaction in securities
5.	DBOD.No.FMC.1095/2 7.01.002/93	April 15, 1993	Investment portfolio of banks - Reconciliation of holdings
6.	DBOD.No.FMC.BC.141/27.02.006/93/94	July 19, 1993	Investment Portfolio of Banks - Transaction in Securities Aggregate contract limit for individual brokers – Clarifications
7.	DBOD.No.FMC.BC.1/27.02.001/93-94	Jan 10, 1994	Investment Portfolio of Banks - Transaction in Securities - Bouncing of SGL transfer forms - Penalties to be imposed.
8.	DBOD.No.FSC.BC.130/24.76.002/94-95	Nov 15, 1994	Investment Portfolio of Banks - Transaction in Securities – Bank Receipts (BRs)
9.	DBOD.No.FSC.BC.129/24.76.002/94-95	Nov 16, 1994	Investment Portfolio of Banks - Transaction in Securities – Role of brokers
10.	DBOD.No.FSC.BC.142/24.76.002/94-95	Dec 9, 1994	Do
11.	DBOD.No.BP.BC.37/21.04.048/95	April 3, 1995	Investment Portfolio of Banks - Transaction in Securities
12.	DBOD.No.FSC.BC.70/24.76.002/95-96	June 8, 1996	Retailing of Government Securities
13.	DBOD.No.FSC.BC.71/24.76.001/96	June 11, 1996	Investment portfolio of banks - Transaction in securities
14.	DBOD.No.BC.153/24.76.002/96	Nov 29, 1996	-Do-
15.	DBOD.BP.BC.9/21.04.048/98	Jan 29, 1997	Prudential norms - capital adequacy, income recognition, asset classification and provisioning.
16.	DBOD.BP.BC.32/21.04.048/97	April 12, 1997	-Do-
17.	DBOD.FSC.BC.129/24.76.002-97	Oct 22, 1997	Retailing of Government Securities
18.	DBOD.No.BC.112/24.76.002/1997	Oct 14, 1997	Investment portfolio of banks - Transaction in securities – Role of brokers

19.	DBOD.BP.BC.75/ 21.04.048/98	Aug 4, 1998	Acquisition of Government and other approved securities – Broken Period Interest- Accounting Procedure
20.	DBS.CO.FMC.BC.1/ 22.53.014/98-99	July 7,1999	Investment portfolio of banks – Transactions in securities
21.	DBS.CO.FMC.BC.18/2 2.53.014/99-2000	Oct 28,1999	-Do-
22.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.FSC.BC. 26/24.76.002/2000</u></a>	Oct 6,2000	Sale of Government securities allotted in the auctions for Primary issues
23.	DBOD.BP.BC.32/ 21.04.048/2000-01	Oct 16,2000	Guidelines on classification and valuation of investments.
24.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.FSC.BC.No. 39/24.76.002/2000</u></a>	Oct 25,2000	Investment portfolio of banks - Transaction in securities – Role of brokers
25.	<a href="#"><u>Dir.BC.107/13.03.00/2 000-01</u></a>	April 19, 2001	Monetary and Credit Policy for the year 2000 - 2002 - Interest Rate Policy
26.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.119/21. 04.137/2000-2001</u></a>	May 11, 2001	Bank financing of equities and investments in shares - Revised guidelines
27.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.127/ 21.04.048/2000-01</u></a>	June 7, 2001	Non-SLR Investments of Banks
28.	DBOD.BP.BC.61/21.0 4.048/2001-02	Jan 25, 2002	Guidelines for investments by banks/FIs and Guidelines for financing of restructured accounts by banks/FIs
29.	DBOD.No.DL(W).BC/ 110/20.16.003(1)/2001 -02	May 30, 2002	Wilful Defaulters and Action there against
30.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.FSC.BC.11 3/24.76.002/2001-02</u></a>	June 7, 2002	On Investment Portfolio of Banks Transaction in Govt. Securities
31.	DBS.CO.FMC.BC.7/ 22.53.014/2002-03	Nov 7, 2002	Operation of investment portfolio by banks - submission of concurrent audit reports by banks
32.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.FSC.BC. 90/24.76.002/2002-03</u></a>	March 31, 2003	Ready Forward Contracts
33.	<a href="#"><u>IDMC.3810/11.08.10/2 002-03</u></a>	March 24, 2003	Guidelines for uniform accounting for Repo/ Reverse Repo transactions
34.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.44/ 21.04.141/03-04</u></a>	Nov 12,2003	Prudential guidelines on banks' investment in non-SLR securities
35.	DBOD.BP.BC.53/ 21.04.141/03-04	Dec 10, 2003	-do-
36.	DBOD.FSC.BC.59/ 24.76.002 /03-04	Dec 26, 2003	Sale of Government securities allotted in the auctions for primary issues on the same day
37.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PDRS.05/10.02. 01/ 2003-04</u></a>	Mar 29, 2004	Transactions in Government Securities

38.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.FSC.BC.28/24.76.002/2004-05</u></a>	Aug 12, 2004	Transactions in Government securities
39.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.29/21.04.141/2004-05</u></a>	Aug 13, 2004	Prudential norms-State Government guaranteed exposures
40.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.Dir.BC.32/13.07.05/2004-05</u></a>	Aug 17, 2004	Dematerialisation of banks' investment in equity
41.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.37/21.04.141/2004-05</u></a>	Sep 2, 2004	Prudential norms on classification of investment portfolio of banks
42.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PDRS/4777/10.02.01/2004-05</u></a>	May 11, 2005	Sale of securities allotted in primary issues
43.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PDRS/4779/10.02.01/2004-05</u></a>	May 11, 2005	Ready forward contracts
44.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PDRS/4783/10.02.01/2004-05</u></a>	May 11, 2005	Government securities transactions - T+1 settlement
45.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.FSD.BC.No.31/24.76.002/2005-06</u></a>	Sep 1, 2005	NDS-OM - Counterparty Confirmation
46.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.38/21.04.141/2005-06</u></a>	Oct 10, 2005	Capital Adequacy – Investment Fluctuation Reserve
47.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.No.03/11.01.01(B)/2005-06</u></a>	Feb 28, 2006	Secondary Market transactions in Government Securities - Intraday short selling
48.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.No.3426/11.01.01(D)/ 2005-06</u></a>	May 3, 2006	'When Issued' transactions in Central Government Securities'
49.	Mailbox Clarification	June 2, 2006	Computation of the Percentage of Unlisted Securities in Mutual Fund Schemes
50.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.27/21.01.002/2006-07</u></a>	Aug 23,2006	Prudential guidelines – Bank's Investments in VCF
51.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.No.2130/11.01.01(D)/2006-07</u></a>	Nov 16,2006	When Issued Transactions in Central Government Securities
52.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.FSD.BC.46/24.01.028/2006-07</u></a>	Dec 12,2006	Financial Regulation of Systemically Important NBFCs And Bank's Relationship with them
53.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.No./11.01.01(B)/2006-07</u></a>	Jan 31,2007	Secondary Market transactions in Government Securities - Short selling
54.	Mailbox Clarification	July 11,2007	HTM Securities
55.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.56/21.04.141/2007-08</u></a>	December 6, 2007	Limits on Investment in Unrated Non-SLR securities - infrastructure bonds
56.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.86/21.04.141/2007-08</u></a>	May 22, 2008	Valuation of securities
57.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.No.37/21.04.132/2008-09</u></a>	August 27, 2008	Prudential Guidelines on Restructuring of Advances by Banks
58.	Mailbox Clarification	October 10, 2008	Transfer of Securities from One Category to Another
59.	Mailbox Clarification	February 5,2009	Unlisted Non- SLR Securities

60.	Mailbox Clarification	March 16, 2009	Investment in Unlisted Non-SLR Securities
61.	Mailbox Clarification	September 19, 2008	Classification of Securities
62.	Mailbox Clarification	July 21, 2008	Investment Portfolio of Banks
63.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.DOD.No.334/11.08.36/2009-10</u></a>	July 20, 2009	Ready Forward contracts in G-Sec
64.	Mailbox Clarification	September 3, 2009	Waiver of trade confirmation in Government Securities Transactions in
65.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD No. 1764/11.08.38/2009-10</u></a>	October 16, 2009	OTC trades in Corporate debt securities
66.	Mailbox Clarification	November 6, 2009	Clarification on Capital Reserve Account and Special Reserves Created under Income Tax Act, 1961
67.	Mailbox Clarification	December 23, 2009	Treatment for Investment in Rural Housing Development Fund (RHDF) of National Housing Bank
68.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.DOD.05/11.08.38/ 2009-10</u></a>	January 8, 2010	Repo in Corporate Debt Securities
69.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD/4135/11.08.043/2009-10</u></a>	March 23, 2010	Uniform accounting for repo/reverse repo transactions in G-Sec
70.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.DOD.07/11.01.09/ 2009-10</u></a>	March 25, 2010	Guidelines on Stripping/ reconstitution of G-Sec
71.	Mailbox Clarification	March 30, 2010	Clarification on investment in debentures in the nature of advances
72.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.DOD.08/11.08.38/2009-10</u></a>	April 16, 2010	Ready Forward Contract in Corporate Debt Securities
73.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.98/2 1.04.141/2009-10</u></a>	April 23, 2010	Investment in Unlisted Non- SLR Securities
74.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.97/2 1.04.141/2009-10</u></a>	April 23, 2010	Classification of Investments by banks in Bonds issued by Companies engaged in Infrastructure activities
75.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.DOD.11/11.08.36/2009-10</u></a>	June 30, 2010	Reporting of OTC Transactions in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and Commercial Papers (CPs)
76.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.DOD.17/11.01.01(B)/ 2010-11</u></a>	July 14, 2010	Government Securities Act, 2006, Sections 27 & 30 - Imposition of penalty for bouncing of SGL forms
77.	Mailbox Clarification	July 20. 2010	Clarification on classification of investments by banks in bonds issued by companies engaged in infrastructure activities.
78.	Mailbox Clarification	August 3, 2010	Bank's investments in Central Government guaranteed bonds – asset classification
79.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD. No. BP.BC. 34/21. 04.141/2010-11</u></a>	August 6, 2010	Sale of Investments held under Held to Maturity (HTM) category
80.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD. No.BP.BC.56/21. 04.141/2010-11</u></a>	November 1, 2010	- Do -
81.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD No. BP.BC. 44 / 21.04.141/ 2010-11</u></a>	September 29, 2010	Prudential norms on Investment in Zero Coupon Bonds

82.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD No. BP.BC. 58 /21.04.141/2010-11</u></a>	November 4, 2010	Accounting Procedure for Investments – Settlement Date Accounting
83.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.No.72/ 21.04.141/2010-11</u></a>	December 31, 2010	Investment in Non-SLR Securities - Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) of maturity up to one year
84.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD. No. BP.BC. 79 /21.04.141/2010-11</u></a>	January 31, 2011	Recognition of permanent diminution in the value of investments in banks' subsidiaries/joint ventures
85.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD No./29/ 11.08.043/2010-11</u></a>	May 30, 2011	Guidelines for Accounting of Repo / Reverse Repo Transactions-Clarification
86.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC. 23/ 21.04.141/2011-12</u></a>	July 5, 2011	Investment by banks in liquid/short term debt schemes of mutual funds
87.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD 14/ 14.03.07/2011-12</u></a>	December 28, 2011	Secondary market transactions in Government securities – short selling
88.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD 19/ 14.03.07/2011-12</u></a>	February 6, 2012	Transaction in Government securities
89.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD.20/ 14.01.02/2011-12</u></a>	March 5, 2012	Settlement of OTC Transactions in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and Commercial Papers (CPs)
90.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD.21/ 14.03.07/2011-12</u></a>	June 21, 2012	Secondary market transactions in Government Securities - Short Selling
91.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PRD.188/03.64 .00/2012-13</u></a>	July 16, 2012	Sale of securities allotted in Primary issues on the same day
92.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD.1423/14.03 .02/2012-13</u></a>	October 30, 2012	Ready Forward Contracts in Corporate Debt Securities - Permitting Scheduled Urban Cooperative Banks
93.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.DOD.No.06/10.2 5.66/2012-13</u></a>	December 06, 2012	FIMMDA Code of Conduct for usage of Negotiated Dealing System-Order Matching (NDS-OM) and Over-The-Counter (OTC) Market
94.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD.09/14.03.0 2/2012-13</u></a>	January 7, 2013	Revised Guidelines on Ready Forward Contracts in Corporate Debt Securities
95.	Mail Box Clarification	January 30, 2013	Prudential Norms on Investment in Low Coupon Bonds
96.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.92/2 1.04.141/2012-13</u></a>	May 15, 2013	Monetary Policy Statement 2013-14 SLR Holdings under Held to Maturity Category
97.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD.11/14.03.0 6/2012-13</u></a>	June 26, 2013	Settlement of OTC transactions in Corporate Bonds on DvP-I basis
98.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD.12/14.03.0 2/2012-13</u></a>	June 26, 2013	Settlement of OTC Transactions in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and Commercial Papers (CPs)
99.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD.13/14.03.0 7/2012-13</u></a>	June 26, 2013	Guidelines on Securities Transactions to be followed by Primary Dealers
100.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.No.105/ 21.04.132/2012-13</u></a>	June 27, 2013	Bonds issued by State Distribution Companies (Discoms) – Guidelines on Valuation
101.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.No.41/2 1.04.141/2013-14</u></a>	August 23, 2013	Investment portfolio of banks – Classification, Valuation and Provisioning
102.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD. 06 / 14.03.06 / 2013-14</u></a>	August 26, 2013	Reporting of OTC transactions in Securitized Debt Instruments
103.	Mailbox clarification	March 21, 2014	Sale of Investments held under Held to Maturity (HTM) Category

104.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD. 10 / 14.03.06/ 2013-14</u></a>	February 24, 2014	FIMMDA's Trade Reporting and Confirmation platform for OTC transactions in Corporate Bonds and Securitized Debt Instruments
105.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.BP.BC.No.97/2 1.04.132/2013-14</u></a>	February 26, 2014	Framework Revitalising Distressed Assets in the Economy - Guidelines on Joint Lenders' Forum (JLF) and Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
106.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.98/2 1.04.132/2013-14</u></a>	February 26, 2014	Framework for Revitalising Distressed Assets in the Economy – Refinancing of Project Loans, Sale of NPAs and Other Regulatory Measures
107.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD.13/ 14.01.02/ 2013-14</u></a>	June 25, 2014	Reporting of OTC transactions on F-TRAC-Hiving off to CDSIL
108.	Mailbox clarification	June 27, 2014	Disclosure requirements for non-SLR investments
109.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.30/ 21.04.141/2014-15</u></a>	August 5, 2014	Monetary Policy Statement 2014-15 - SLR Holdings under Held to Maturity Category
110.	<a href="#"><u>IDMD.PCD.06/ 14.03.07/2014-15</u></a>	September 30, 2014	Secondary market transactions in Government Securities - Short Selling
111.	<a href="#"><u>DBOD.No.BP.BC.42/ 21.04.141/2014-15</u></a>	October 7, 2014	Fourth Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2014-15 - SLR Holdings under Held to Maturity Category
112.	Mailbox clarification	December 15, 2014	SLR Holdings under Held to Maturity Category
113.	<a href="#"><u>FMRD.FMID.01/14.01. 02/2014-15</u></a>	December 19, 2014	F-TRAC - Counterparty Confirmation
114.	<a href="#"><u>FMRD.DIRD.02/ 14.03.007/2014-15</u></a>	December 24, 2014	Secondary market transactions in Government Securities - Short Selling
115.	<a href="#"><u>DBR.No.CID.BC.60/ 20.16.056/2014-15</u></a>	January 15, 2015	Membership of Credit Information Companies (CICs)
116.	<a href="#"><u>FMRD.DIRD.04/14.03. 002/2014-15</u></a>	February 3, 2015	Ready Forward Contracts in Corporate Debt Securities
117.	<a href="#"><u>FMRD.DIRD.5/14.03.0 02/2014-15</u></a>	February 5, 2015	Re-repo in Government Securities Market
118.	<a href="#"><u>DBR.No.BP.BC.75/21. 04.048/2014-15</u></a>	March 11, 2015	Guidelines on Sale of Financial Assets to Securitisation Company (SC) / Reconstruction Company (RC) and Related Issues
119.	FMRD.DIRD.5/14.03.0 02/2014-15	March 20, 2015	T+2 Settlements for Outright Secondary Market Transactions in Government Securities Undertaken by Foreign Portfolio Investors and Reported on NDS-OM
120.	<a href="#"><u>FMRD.DIRD.08/14.03. 002/2014-15</u></a>	May 14, 2015	Ready Forward Contracts in Corporate Debt Securities
121.	<a href="#"><u>DBR.No.BP.BC.94/ 21.04.048/2014-15</u></a>	May 21, 2015	Prudential Norms on Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning pertaining to Advances - Spread over of Shortfall
122.	<a href="#"><u>DBR.BP.BC.No.98/08. 12.014/2014-15</u></a>	June 01, 2015	Issue of Long Term Bonds by banks for Financing of Infrastructure and Affordable Housing – Cross Holding