



RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
Foreign Exchange Department
Central Office
Mumbai - 400 001

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To

All Category – I Authorised Dealer Banks

Madam/ Sir,

**Purchase and sale of securities other than shares or convertible debentures
of an Indian company by a person resident outside India**

Attention of Authorized Dealer Category-I (AD Category-I) banks is invited to Schedule 5 to the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident outside India) Regulations, 2000 (the Principal Regulations) notified vide [Notification No. FEMA.20/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000](#), as amended from time to time, in terms of which, eligible investors, viz., SEBI registered Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs), Qualified Foreign Investors (QFIs), registered Foreign Portfolio Investors (RFPIs) and long term investors registered with SEBI, may purchase eligible government securities directly from the issuer of such securities or through registered stock broker on a recognised Stock Exchange in India, subject to such terms and conditions as mentioned therein and limits as prescribed for the same by RBI and SEBI from time to time.

2. With a view to providing flexibility in regard to the manner in which government securities can be acquired by eligible investors, it has now been decided to remove any stipulation as to the manner of acquisition from the said Regulations. Consequently, the eligible investors can acquire such securities in any manner as per the prevalent/approved market practice.

3. AD Category - I banks may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents and customers.

4. Reserve Bank has since amended the Principal Regulations through the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident outside India) (Eleventh Amendment) Regulations, 2014 notified vide [Notification No. FEMA. 313/2014-RB dated July 2, 2014](#) c.f. G.S.R. No.487 (E) dated July 11, 2014.

5. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and are without prejudice to permissions / approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(B.P. Kanungo)
Principal Chief General Manager