

Info Capsule

MCA CLARIFICATION ON COMPANIES TO FOLLOW PROCEDURE FOR TRANSMISSION OF SHARES WHILE TRANSFERRING SHARES TO IEPFA¹

Ministry Of Corporate Affairs has issued a clarification on Companies to Follow Procedure for Transmission of Shares while Transferring Shares to IEPFA via General Circular No. 7/2017 dated 5th June 2017.

Clarity has been sought by stakeholders w.r.t. issue of duplicate shares under Rule 6(3)(d) of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016.

It has been stated that since transfer of shares to IEPF under section 124(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rules referred to above takes place on account of operation of law hence the procedure followed during transmission of shares may be followed in such cases and duplicate shares need not be issued in such cases.

The suggestion made by the stakeholders has been examined in the Ministry and it is clarified that the procedure similar to what is followed in case of transmission of shares may be followed by companies while transferring shares to IEPF Authority pursuant to section 124 (6) read with applicable rules.

REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS TOWARDS BEGINNING OF GST ON JULY 1, 2017²

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, recently reviewed the status of GST, which is to be implemented from July 1, 2017.

The meeting, which lasted for over two and a half hours, was attended by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, and top-most officials from the Ministry of Finance, PMO and the Cabinet Secretary.

In the course of the meeting, the Prime Minister specifically reviewed aspects of implementation such as IT readiness, HR readiness, training and sensitization of officers, query handling mechanism, and monitoring. The Prime Minister was informed that GST systems such as IT infrastructure, training of officials, integration with banks, and enrolment of existing taxpayers will be in readiness well in time for the July 1, the implementation date. Information security systems were discussed in detail.

A Twitter handle - @askGst_GOI has been started for real time answering of queries. An All India toll-free phone 1800-1200-232 has also been activated for this purpose.

The Prime Minister asserted that the implementation of GST from July 1st, is the culmination of the concerted efforts of all stakeholders, including political parties, trade and industry bodies. He described GST as a turning point for the economy, unprecedented in history. He directed officials that the creation of One Nation; One Market; One Tax would greatly benefit the common man. The

¹ Available at : http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/IEPFGcircular07_05062017.pdf

² Available at : <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx>

Prime Minister also directed that maximum attention be paid to cyber-security in IT systems concerned with GST.

FINANCIAL LITERACY QUIZ³

To emphasize the importance of financial literacy, the Reserve Bank of India is observing June 5-9, 2017 as Financial Literacy Week across the country. The Week will focus on four broad themes, viz. Know Your Customer (KYC), Exercising Credit Discipline, Grievance Redress and Going Digital (UPI and *99#). During this week, the Financial Literacy Centres (FLCs) and rural branches will conduct special camps and all bank branches in the country will display posters on the common themes inside the branch premises. Banks will also display one financial literacy message each day on the home page of their websites as well as ATM screens across the country.

As a part of the activities during the Financial Literacy week, an online quiz is also being hosted for the general public to generate interest and create awareness about financial literacy.

Participation in the quiz will be through an online registration process accessible through the link <http://finlitweek.ncfeindia.org/>

Members of the public are invited to participate in the quiz.

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³ Available at : https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=40643