

# **INVESTOR CHARTER**

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## Investor Charter – Stock Brokers

### **VISION**

To follow highest standards of ethics and compliances while facilitating the trading by clients in securities in a fair and transparent manner, so as to contribute in creation of wealth for investors.

### **MISSION**

- i) To provide high quality and dependable service through innovation, capacity enhancement and use of technology.
- ii) To establish and maintain a relationship of trust and ethics with the investors.
- iii) To observe highest standard of compliances and transparency.
- iv) To always keep 'protection of investors' interest' as goal while providing service.

### **Services provided to Investors**

- Execution of trades on behalf of investors.
- Issuance of Contract Notes.
- Issuance of intimations regarding margin due payments.
- Facilitate execution of early pay-in obligation instructions.
- Settlement of client's funds.
- Intimation of securities held in Client Unpaid Securities Account (CUSA) Account.
- Issuance of retention statement of funds.
- Risk management systems to mitigate operational and market risk.
- Facilitate client profile changes in the system as instructed by the client.
- Information sharing with the client w.r.t. exchange circulars.
- Redressal of Investor's grievances.

### **Rights of Investors**

- **Ask** for and receive information from a firm about the work history and background of the person handling your account, as well as information about the firm itself.
- **Receive** complete information about the risks, obligations, and costs of any investment before investing.
- **Receive** recommendations consistent with your financial needs and investment objectives.
- **Receive** a copy of all completed account forms and agreements.
- **Receive** account statements that are accurate and understandable.
- **Understand** the terms and conditions of transactions you undertake.
- **Access** your funds in a timely manner and receive information about any restrictions or limitations on access.

- **Receive** complete information about maintenance or service charges, transaction or redemption fees, and penalties.
- **Discuss** your grievances with compliance officer of the firm and receive prompt attention to and fair consideration of your concerns.

#### Various activities of Stock Brokers with timelines

S.No.	Activities	Expected Timelines
1.	KYC entered into KRA System and CKYCR	10 days of account opening
2.	Client Onboarding	Immediate, but not later than one week
3.	Order execution	Immediate on receipt of order, but not later than the same day
4.	Allocation of Unique Client Code	Before trading
5.	Copy of duly completed Client Registration Documents to clients	7 days from the date of upload of Unique Client Code to the Exchange by the trading member
6.	Issuance of contract notes	24 hours of execution of trades
7.	Collection of upfront margin from client	Before initiation of trade
8.	Issuance of intimations regarding other margin due payments	At the end of the T day
9.	Settlement of client funds	30 days / 90 days for running account settlement (RAS) as per the preference of client. If consent not given for RAS – within 24 hours of pay-out
10.	'Statement of Accounts' for Funds, Securities and Commodities	Weekly basis (Within four trading days of following week)
11.	Issuance of retention statement of funds/commodities	5 days from the date of settlement
12.	Issuance of Annual Global Statement	30 days from the end of the financial year
13.	Investor grievances redressal	30 days from the receipt of the complaint

#### DOs and DON'Ts for Investors

DOs	DON'Ts
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read all documents and conditions being agreed before signing the account opening form.</li> <li>2. Receive a copy of KYC, copy of account opening documents and Unique Client Code.</li> <li>3. Read the product / operational framework / timelines related to various Trading and Clearing &amp; Settlement processes.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do not deal with unregistered stock broker.</li> <li>2. Do not forget to strike off blanks in your account opening and KYC.</li> <li>3. Do not submit an incomplete account opening and KYC form.</li> </ol>

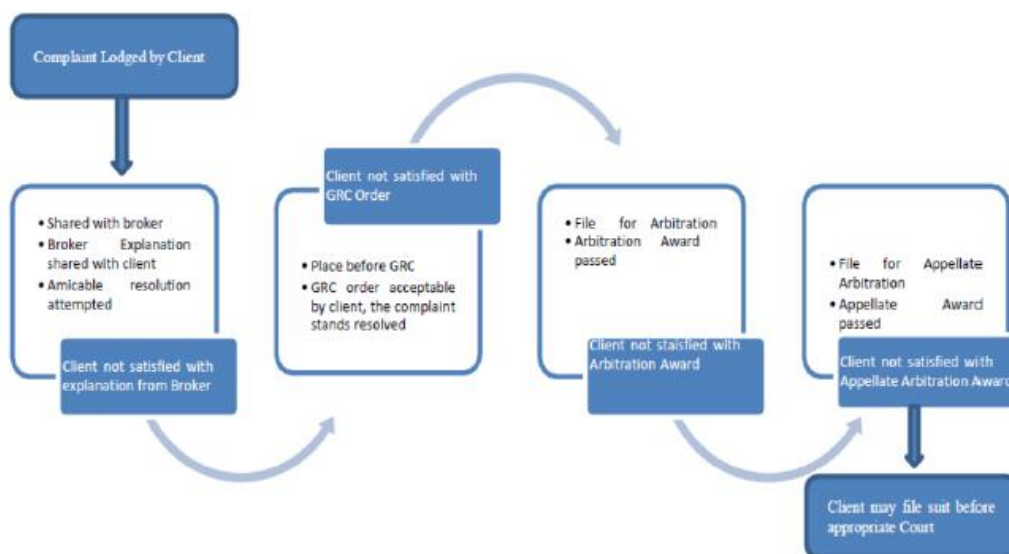
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Receive all information about brokerage, fees and other charges levied.</li> <li>5. Register your mobile number and email ID in your trading, demat and bank accounts to get regular alerts on your transactions.</li> <li>6. If executed, receive a copy of Power of Attorney. However, Power of Attorney is not a mandatory requirement as per SEBI / Stock Exchanges. Before granting Power of Attorney, carefully examine the scope and implications of powers being granted.</li> <li>7. Receive contract notes for trades executed, showing transaction price, brokerage, GST and STT etc. as applicable, separately, within 24 hours of execution of trades.</li> <li>8. Receive funds and securities / commodities on time within 24 hours from pay-out.</li> <li>9. Verify details of trades, contract notes and statement of account and approach relevant authority for any discrepancies. Verify trade details on the Exchange websites from the trade verification facility provided by the Exchanges.</li> <li>10. Receive statement of accounts periodically. If opted for running account settlement, account has to be settled by the stock broker as per the option given by the client (30 or 90 days).</li> <li>11. In case of any grievances, approach stock broker or Stock Exchange or SEBI for getting the same resolved within prescribed timelines.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Do not forget to inform any change in information linked to trading account and obtain confirmation of updation in the system.</li> <li>5. Do not transfer funds, for the purposes of trading to anyone other than a stock broker. No payment should be made in name of employee of stock broker.</li> <li>6. Do not ignore any emails / SMSs received with regards to trades done, from the Stock Exchange and raise a concern, if discrepancy is observed.</li> <li>7. Do not opt for digital contracts, if not familiar with computers.</li> <li>8. Do not share trading password.</li> <li>9. Do not fall prey to fixed / guaranteed returns schemes.</li> <li>10. Do not fall prey to fraudsters sending emails and SMSs luring to trade in stocks / securities promising huge profits.</li> <li>11. Do not follow herd mentality for investments. Seek expert and professional advice for your investments.</li> </ol>
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### Grievance Redressal Mechanism

**Level 1** – Approach the Stock Broker at the designated Investor Grievance e-mail ID of the stock broker. The Stock Broker will strive to redress the grievance immediately, but not later than 30 days of the receipt of the grievance.

**Level 2** – Approach the Stock Exchange using the grievance mechanism mentioned at the website of the respective exchange.

Complaints Resolution Process at Stock Exchange explained graphically:



#### Timelines for complaint resolution process at Stock Exchanges against stock brokers

S. No.	Type of Activity	Timelines for activity
1.	Receipt of Complaint	Day of complaint (C Day).
2.	Additional information sought from the investor, if any, and provisionally forwarded to stock broker.	C + 7 Working days.
3.	Registration of the complaint and forwarding to the stock broker.	C+8 Working Days i.e. T day.
4.	Amicable Resolution.	T+15 Working Days.
5.	Refer to Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC), in case of no amicable resolution.	T+16 Working Days.
6.	Complete resolution process post GRC.	T + 30 Working Days.
7.	In case where the GRC Member requires additional information, GRC order shall be completed within.	T + 45 Working Days.
8.	Implementation of GRC Order.	On receipt of GRC Order, if the order is in favour of the investor, debit the funds of the stock broker. Order for debit is issued immediately or as per the directions given in GRC order.
9.	In case the stock broker is aggrieved by the GRC order, will provide intention to avail arbitration	Within 7 days from receipt of order

S. No.	Type of Activity	Timelines for activity
10.	If intention from stock broker is received and the GRC order amount is upto Rs.20 lakhs	Investor is eligible for interim relief from Investor Protection Fund (IPF).The interim relief will be 50% of the GRC order amount or Rs.2 lakhs whichever is less. The same shall be provided after obtaining an Undertaking from the investor.
11.	Stock Broker shall file for arbitration	Within 6 months from the date of GRC recommendation
12.	In case the stock broker does not file for arbitration within 6 months	The GRC order amount shall be released to the investor after adjusting the amount released as interim relief, if any.

### **Handling of Investor's claims / complaints in case of default of a Trading Member /Clearing Member (TM/CM)**

#### **Default of TM/CM**

Following steps are carried out by Stock Exchange for benefit of investor, in case stock broker defaults:

- Circular is issued to inform about declaration of Stock Broker as Defaulter.
- Information of defaulter stock broker is disseminated on Stock Exchange website.
- Public Notice is issued informing declaration of a stock broker as defaulter and inviting claims within specified period.
- Intimation to clients of defaulter stock brokers via emails and SMS for facilitating lodging of claims within the specified period.

Following information is available on Stock Exchange website for information of investors:

- Norms for eligibility of claims for compensation from IPF.
- Claim form for lodging claim against defaulter stock broker.
- FAQ on processing of investors' claims against Defaulter stock broker.
- Provision to check online status of client's claim.

**Level 3** – The complaint not redressed at Stock Broker / Stock Exchange level, may be lodged with SEBI on SCORES (a web based centralized grievance redressal system of SEBI) @ <https://scores.gov.in/scores/Welcome.html>

## INVESTOR CHARTER FOR DEPOSITORIES AND DEPOSITORY PARTICIPANTS

### 1. **Vision**

Towards making Indian Securities Market - Transparent, Efficient, & Investor friendly by providing safe, reliable, transparent and trusted record keeping platform for investors to hold and transfer securities in dematerialized form.

### 2. **Mission**

- To hold securities of investors in dematerialized form and facilitate its transfer, while ensuring safekeeping of securities and protecting interest of investors.
- To provide timely and accurate information to investors with regard to their holding and transfer of securities held by them.
- To provide the highest standards of investor education, investor awareness and timely services so as to enhance Investor Protection and create awareness about Investor Rights.

### 3. **Details of business transacted by the Depository and Depository Participant (DP)**

A Depository is an organization which holds securities of investors in electronic form. Depositories provide services to various market participants - Exchanges, Clearing Corporations, Depository Participants (DPs), Issuers and Investors in both primary as well as secondary markets. The depository carries out its activities through its agents which are known as Depository Participants (DP). Details available on the link [<https://www.cdslindia.com/DP/dplist.aspx>].

### 4. **Description of services provided by the Depository through Depository Participants (DPs) to investors**

#### (1) Basic Services

Sr. no.	Brief about the Activity / Service	Expected Timelines for processing by the DP after receipt of proper documents
1.	Dematerialization of securities	7 days
2.	Rematerialization of securities	7 days
3.	Mutual Fund Conversion / Destatementization	5 days

Sr. no.	Brief about the Activity / Service	Expected Timelines for processing by the DP after receipt of proper documents
4.	Re-conversion / Restatementisation of Mutual fund units	7 days
5.	Transmission of securities	7 days
6.	Registering pledge request	15 days
7.	Closure of demat account	30 days
8.	Settlement Instruction	Depositories to accept physical DIS for pay-in of securities up to 4 p.m. and DIS in electronic form up to 6 p.m. on T+1 day

(2) Depositories provide special services like pledge, hypothecation, internet-based services etc. in addition to their core services and these include

Sr. no.	Type of Activity /Service	Brief about the Activity / Service
1.	Value Added Services	Depositories also provide value added services such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA) <i>[link to be provided by DPs]</i><sup>1</sup></li> <li>b. Transposition cum dematerialization <i>[link to be provided by DPs]</i><sup>2</sup></li> <li>c. Linkages with Clearing System <i>[link to be provided by DPs]</i><sup>3</sup></li> <li>d. Distribution of cash and non-cash corporate benefits (Bonus, Rights, IPOs etc.), stock lending, demat of NSC / KVP, demat of warehouse receipts etc.</li> </ul>
2.	Consolidated Account statement (CAS)	CAS is issued 10 days from the end of the month (if there were transactions in the previous month) or half yearly (if no transactions).
3.	Digitalization of services provided by the depositories	Depositories offer below technology solutions and e-facilities to their demat account holders through DPs:

Sr. no.	Type of Activity /Service	Brief about the Activity / Service
		<p>a. <u>E-account opening</u>: Details available on the link [<i>link to be provided by DPs</i>]<sup>4</sup></p> <p>b. <u>Online instructions for execution</u>: Details available on the link [<i>link to be provided by DPs</i>]<sup>5</sup></p> <p>c. <u>e-DIS / Demat Gateway</u>: Details available on the link [<i>link to be provided by DPs</i>]<sup>6</sup></p> <p>d. <u>e-CAS facility</u>: Details available on the link [<i>link to be provided by DPs</i>]<sup>7</sup></p> <p>e. <u>Miscellaneous services</u>: Details available on the link [<i>link to be provided by DPs</i>]<sup>8</sup></p>

#### 4. Details of Grievance Redressal Mechanism

##### (1) The Process of investor grievance redressal

1.	Investor Complaint/ Grievances	<p>Investor can lodge complaint/ grievance against the Depository/DP in the following ways:</p> <p>a. Electronic mode -</p> <p>(i) SCORES (a web based centralized grievance redressal system of SEBI) [<a href="https://www.scores.gov.in/scores/Welcome.html">https://www.scores.gov.in/scores/Welcome.html</a>]</p> <p>(ii) Respective Depository's web portal dedicated for the filing of complaint [<a href="https://www.cdslindia.com/Footer/grievances.aspx">https://www.cdslindia.com/Footer/grievances.aspx</a>]</p> <p>(iii) Emails to designated email IDs of Depository [<a href="mailto:complaints@cdslindia.com">complaints@cdslindia.com</a>]</p> <p>b. Offline mode [details of link to the form to be provided by DPs]</p> <p>The complaints/ grievances lodged directly with the Depository shall be resolved within 30 days.</p>
2.	Investor Grievance Redressal Committee of Depository	<p>If no amicable resolution is arrived, then the Investor has the option to refer the complaint/ grievance to the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) of the Depository. Upon receipt of reference, the GRC will endeavor to resolve the complaint/ grievance by hearing the parties and examining the necessary information and documents.</p>

3.	Arbitration proceedings	The Investor may also avail the arbitration mechanism set out in the Byelaws and Business Rules/Operating Instructions of the Depository in relation to any grievance, or dispute relating to depository services. The arbitration reference shall be concluded by way of issue of an arbitral award within 4 months from the date of appointment of arbitrator(s).
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(2) For the Multi-level complaint resolution mechanism available at the Depositories please refer to link *[link to be provided by DPs]*<sup>9</sup>

**5. Guidance pertaining to special circumstances related to market activities: Termination of the Depository Participant**

Sl No.	Type of special circumstances	Timelines for the Activity/ Service
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depositories to terminate the participation in case a participant no longer meets the eligibility criteria and/or any other grounds as mentioned in the bye laws like suspension of trading member by the Stock Exchanges.</li> <li>Participant surrenders the participation by its own wish.</li> </ul>	Client will have a right to transfer all its securities to any other Participant of its choice without any charges for the transfer within 30 days from the date of intimation by way of letter/email.

**6. Dos and Don'ts for Investors**

For Do's and Don'ts please refer to the link *[link to be provided by the DPs]*<sup>10</sup>

**7. Rights of investors**

For rights, please refer to the link *[link to be provided by the DPs]*<sup>11</sup>

**8. Responsibilities of Investors**

For responsibilities, please refer to the link *[link to be provided by the DPs]*<sup>12</sup>

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## **INFORMATION CONTAINED IN LINKS TO THE INVESTOR CHARTER FOR DEPOSITORIES AND DPS**

This document contains the contents pertaining to the qualifier “[<https://www.cdslindia.com/Investors/InvestorCharter.html>]” in the Investor Charter main document. The same is to be made available by the Depositories on their websites and web-links to the same is to be provided for incorporation in the Investor Charter.

For reasons of convenience, the contents in main Charter and this document have been mapped with the same superscript.

### **Para 4 (2) of Investor Charter**

#### **Point 1: Value Added Services**

- a. Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA)<sup>1</sup>: The facility of BSDA with limited services for eligible individuals was introduced with the objective of achieving wider financial inclusion and to encourage holding of demat accounts. No Annual Maintenance Charges (AMC) shall be levied, if the value of securities holding is upto Rs. 50,000. For value of holdings between Rs 50,001- 2,00,000, AMC not exceeding Rs 100 is chargeable. In case of debt securities, there are no AMC charges for holding value upto Rs 1,00,000 and a maximum of Rs 100 as AMC is chargeable for value of holdings between Rs 1,00,001 and Rs 2,00,000.
- b. Transposition cum dematerialization<sup>2</sup>: In case of transposition-cum-dematerialisation, client can get securities dematerialised in the same account if the names appearing on the certificates match with the names in which the account has been opened but are in a different order. The same may be done by submitting the security certificates along with the Transposition Form and Demat Request Form.
- c. Linkages with Clearing System<sup>3</sup> for actual delivery of securities to the clearing system from the selling brokers and delivery of securities from the clearing system to the buying broker.

#### **Point 3: Digitization of services provided by the depositories**

- a. E-account opening<sup>4</sup>: Account opening through digital mode, popularly known as “On-line Account opening”, wherein investor intending to open the demat account can visit DP website, fill in the required information, submit the required documents, conduct video IPV and demat account gets opened without visiting DPs office.

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- b. Online instructions for execution<sup>5</sup>: internet-enabled services like Speed-e (NSDL) & Easiest (CDSL) empower a demat account holder in managing his/her securities 'anytime-anywhere' in an efficient and convenient manner and submit instructions online without the need to use paper. These facilities allows Beneficial Owner (BO) to submit transfer instructions and pledge instructions including margin pledge from their demat account. The instruction facilities are also available on mobile applications through android, windows and IOS platforms.
  - c. e-DIS / Demat Gateway:<sup>6</sup> Investors can give instructions for transfer of securities through e-DIS apart from physical DIS. Here, for on-market transfer of securities, investors need to provide settlement number along with the ISIN and quantity of securities being authorized for transfer. Client shall be required to authorize each e-DIS valid for a single settlement number / settlement date, by way of OTP and PIN/password, both generated at Depositories end. Necessary risk containment measures are being adopted by Depositories in this regard.
  - d. e-CAS facility<sup>7</sup>: Consolidated Account Statements are available online and could also be accessed through mobile app to facilitate the investors to view their holdings in demat form.
  - e. Miscellaneous services<sup>8</sup>: Transaction alerts through SMS, e-locker facilities, chatbots for instantaneously responding to investor queries etc. have also been developed.

### **Para 5(1) of Investor Charter**

#### Point 2 (Investor Grievance Redressal Committee of Depository)<sup>9</sup>:

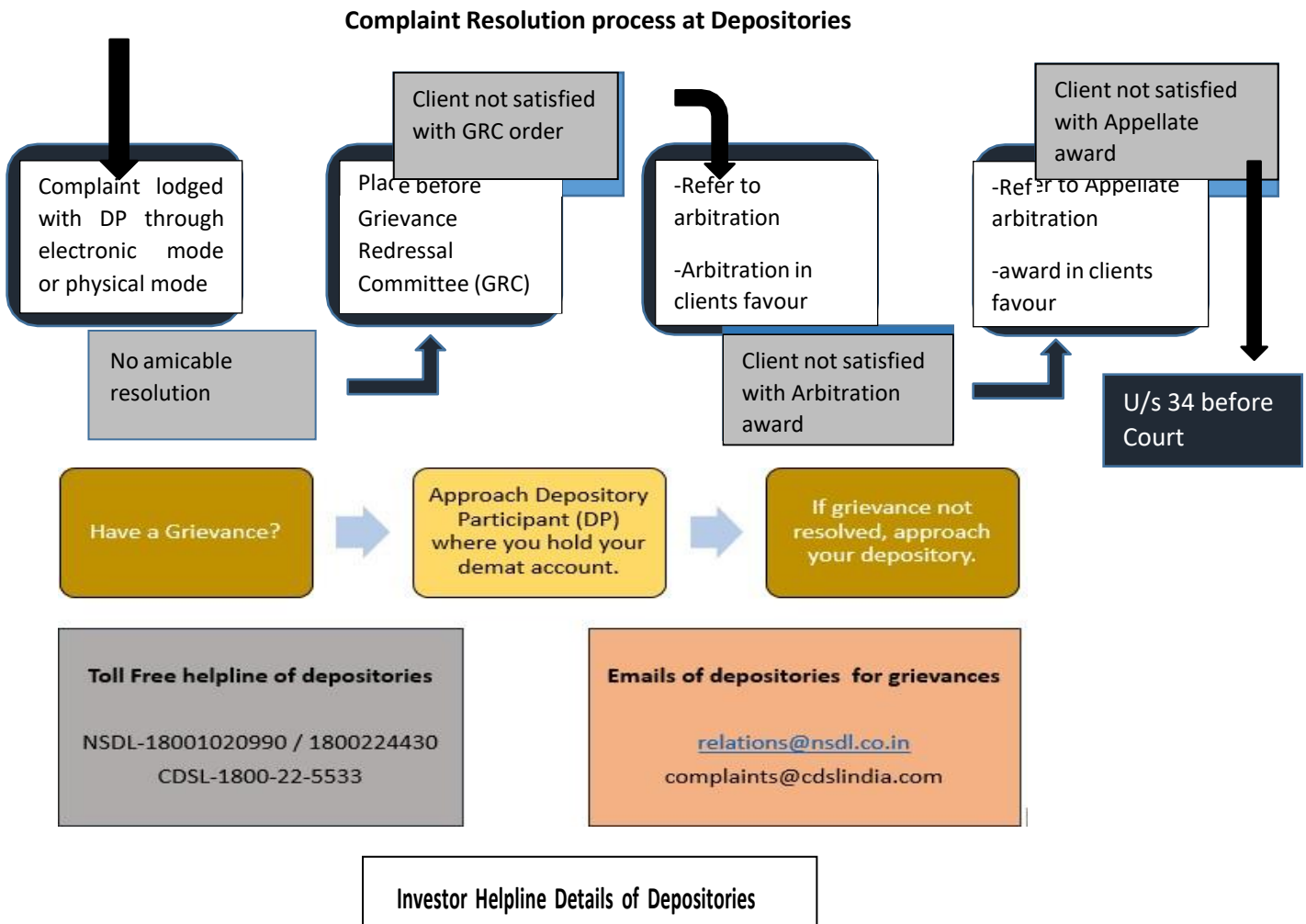
If no amicable resolution is arrived, then the Investor has the option to refer the complaint/ grievance to the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) of the Depository. Upon receipt of reference, the GRC will endeavor to resolve the complaint/ grievance by hearing the parties and examining the necessary information and documents.

#### Point 3(Arbitration proceedings)<sup>10</sup>:

The Investor may also avail the arbitration mechanism set out in the Byelaws and Business Rules/Operating Instructions of the Depository in relation to any grievance, or dispute relating to depository services. The arbitration reference shall be concluded by way of issue of an arbitral award within 4 months from the date of appointment of arbitrator(s).

## Para 5(2) of Investor Charter

### Complaint Resolution process at Depositories<sup>11</sup>



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## **Para 7 of Investor Charter**

### **Dos and Don'ts for Investor<sup>12</sup>**

<b>SI No.</b>	<b>Guidance</b>
1.	Always deal with a SEBI registered Depository Participant for opening a demat account.
2.	Read all the documents carefully before signing them.
3.	Before granting Power of attorney to operate your demat account to an intermediary like Stockbroker, Portfolio Management Services (PMS) etc., carefully examine the scope and implications of powers being granted.
4.	Always make payments to registered intermediary using banking channels. No payment should be made in name of employee of intermediary.
5.	Accept the Delivery Instruction Slip (DIS) book from your DP only (pre-printed with a serial number along with your Client ID) and keep it in safe custody and do not sign or issue blank or partially filled DIS slips.  Always mention the details like ISIN, number of securities accurately. In case of any queries, please contact your DP or broker and it should be signed by all demat account holders.  Strike out any blank space on the slip and Cancellations or corrections on the DIS should be initialed or signed by all the account holder(s).  Do not leave your instruction slip book with anyone else.  Do not sign blank DIS as it is equivalent to a bearer cheque.
6.	Inform any change in your Personal Information (for example address or Bank Account details, email ID, Mobile number) linked to your demat account in the prescribed format and obtain confirmation of updation in system
7.	Mention your Mobile Number and email ID in account opening form to receive SMS alerts and regular updates directly from depository.
8.	Always ensure that the mobile number and email ID linked to your demat account are the same as provided at the time of account opening/updation.
9.	Do not share password of your online trading and demat account with anyone.

SI No.	Guidance
10.	Do not share One Time Password (OTP) received from banks, brokers, etc. These are meant to be used by you only.
11.	Do not share login credentials of e-facilities provided by the depositories such as e-DIS/demat gateway, SPEED-e/easiest etc. with anyone else.
12.	Demat is mandatory for any transfer of securities of Listed public limited companies with few exceptions.
13.	If you have any grievance in respect of your demat account, please write to designated email IDs of depositories or you may lodge the same with SEBI online at <a href="https://scores.gov.in/scores/Welcome.html">https://scores.gov.in/scores/Welcome.html</a>
14.	Keep a record of documents signed, DIS issued and account statements received.
15.	As Investors you are required to verify the transaction statement carefully for all debits and credits in your account. In case of any unauthorized debit or credit, inform the DP or your respective Depository.
16.	Appoint a nominee to facilitate your heirs in obtaining the securities in your demat account, on completion of the necessary procedures.
17.	Register for Depository's internet-based facility or download mobile app of the depository to monitor your holdings.
18.	Ensure that, both, your holding and transaction statements are received periodically as instructed to your DP. You are entitled to receive a transaction statement every month if you have any transactions.
19.	Do not follow herd mentality for investments. Seek expert and professional advice for your investments
20.	Beware of assured/fixed returns.

## **Para 8 of Investor Charter**

### Rights of investors<sup>13</sup>

- Receive a copy of KYC, copy of account opening documents.
- No minimum balance is required to be maintained in a demat account.
- No charges are payable for opening of demat accounts.
- If executed, receive a copy of Power of Attorney. However, Power of Attorney is not a mandatory requirement as per SEBI / Stock Exchanges. You have the right to revoke any authorization given at any time.

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- You can open more than one demat account in the same name with single DP/ multiple DPs.
  - Receive statement of accounts periodically. In case of any discrepancies in statements, take up the same with the DP immediately. If the DP does not respond, take up the matter with the Depositories.
  - Pledge and /or any other interest or encumbrance can be created on demat holdings.
  - Right to give standing instructions with regard to the crediting of securities in demat account.
  - Investor can exercise its right to freeze/defreeze his/her demat account or specific securities / specific quantity of securities in the account, maintained with the DP.
  - In case of any grievances, Investor has right to approach Participant or Depository or SEBI for getting the same resolved within prescribed timelines.
  - Every eligible investor shareholder has a right to cast its vote on various resolutions proposed by the companies for which Depositories have developed an internet based 'e-Voting' platform.
  - Receive information about charges and fees. Any charges/tariff agreed upon shall not increase unless a notice in writing of not less than thirty days is given to the Investor.

## **Para 9 of Investor Charter**

### **Responsibilities of Investors<sup>14</sup>**

- Deal with a SEBI registered DP for opening demat account, KYC and Depository activities.
- Provide complete documents for account opening and KYC (Know Your Client). Fill all the required details in Account Opening Form / KYC form in own handwriting and cancel out the blanks.
- Read all documents and conditions being agreed before signing the account opening form.
- Accept the Delivery Instruction Slip (DIS) book from DP only (preprinted with a serial number along with client ID) and keep it in safe custody and do not sign or issue blank or partially filled DIS.

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- Always mention the details like ISIN, number of securities accurately.
  - Inform any change in information linked to demat account and obtain confirmation of updation in the system.
  - Regularly verify balances and demat statement and reconcile with trades /transactions.
  - Appoint nominee(s) to facilitate heirs in obtaining the securities in their demataccount.
  - Do not fall prey to fraudsters sending emails and SMSs luring to trade in stocks /securities promising huge profits.

## **Investor Charter in respect of Research Analyst (RA)**

### **A. Vision and Mission Statements for investors.**

- Vision

Invest with knowledge & safety.

- Mission

Every investor should be able to invest in right investment products based on their needs, manage and monitor them to meet their goals, access reports and enjoy financial wellness.

### **B. Details of business transacted by the Research Analyst with respect to the investors.**

- To publish research report based on the research activities of the RA.
- To provide an independent unbiased view on securities.
- To offer unbiased recommendation, disclosing the financial interests in recommended securities.
- To provide research recommendation, based on analysis of publicly available information and known observations.
- To conduct audit annually.

### **C. Details of services provided to investors (No Indicative Timelines)**

- Onboarding of Clients.
- Disclosure to Clients
  - To distribute research reports and recommendations to the clients without discrimination.
- To maintain confidentiality w.r.t publication of the research report until made available in the public domain.

#### **D. Details of grievance redressal mechanism and how to access it**

In case of any grievance / complaint, an investor should approach the concerned research analyst and shall ensure that the grievance is resolved within 30 days.

If the investor's complaint is not redressed satisfactorily, one may lodge a complaint with SEBI on SEBI's SCORES portal which is a centralized web based complaints redressal system. SEBI takes up the complaints registered via SCORES with the concerned intermediary for timely redressal. SCORES facilitates tracking the status of the complaint.

With regard to physical complaints, investors may send their complaints to: Office of Investor Assistance and Education, Securities and Exchange Board of India, SEBI Bhavan. Plot No. C4-A, 'G' Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051.

#### **E. Expectations from the investors (Responsibilities of investors).**

- **Do's**

- i. Always deal with SEBI registered Research Analyst.
- ii. Ensure that the Research Analyst has a valid registration certificate.
- iii. Check for SEBI registration number.
- iv. Please refer to the list of all SEBI registered Research Analysts which is available on SEBI website in the following link:  
(<https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=14>)
- v. Always pay attention towards disclosures made in the research reports before investing.

- vi. Pay your Research Analyst through banking channels only and maintain duly signed receipts mentioning the details of your payments.
- vii. Before buying securities or applying in public offer, check for the research recommendation provided by your research Analyst.
- viii. Ask all relevant questions and clear your doubts with your Research Analyst before acting on the recommendation.
- ix. Inform SEBI about Research Analyst offering assured or guaranteed returns.

- **Don'ts**

- i. Do not provide funds for investment to the Research Analyst.
- ii. Don't fall prey to luring advertisements or market rumours.
- iii. Do not get attracted to limited period discount or other incentive, gifts, etc. offered by Research Analyst.
- iv. Do not share login credentials and password of your trading and demat accounts with the Research Analyst.

# INVESTOR CHARTER FOR MERCHANT BANKERS

## **INVESTOR CHARTER-IPOs & FPOs (including OFS)**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To continuously earn trust of investors and emerge as solution provider with integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Act in investors' best interests by understanding needs and developing solutions.
2. Enhance and customise value generating capabilities and services.
3. Disseminate complete information to investors to enable informed investment decision.

### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS OF THE ENTITY**

**IPOs & FPOs – Act as a Merchant Banker to the Issuer / Selling Shareholder**

### **DETAILS OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO INVESTORS**

1. Upload Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DHRP) on SEBI / Stock Exchanges / Lead Managers Website for public comments and also upload RHP/Prospectus.
2. Publish public announcement within two days of filing the draft offer document with SEBI
3. Disclose price performance summary of preceding past 10 public issues handled by lead managers in draft offer document
4. Disclose on lead managers' website the track record of the performance of the public issues managed by them
5. Publish details of anchor investor allocation on the website of stock exchanges before the issue opens
6. Keep Issue Open for 3 working days (extendable up to maximum 10 working days)
7. Ensure material contracts and documents are available for inspection as per details in Offer Document
8. Publish price band advertisement in newspaper at least two working days before opening of the issue
9. Ensure pre-filled application forms are available on the websites of the stock exchange(s)
10. Ensure listing and commencement of trading within six working days of the offer closing date
11. Publish details of subscription, basis of allotment, date of credit of specified securities and date of filing of listing application, etc. in newspapers within ten days from the date of completion of each activity.

### **TIMELINES**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline for which activity takes place</b>	<b>Information where available</b>
1	Filing of draft offer document by company for public comments	0	Websites of SEBI, Stock Exchanges, Lead Managers

2	Public Announcement	Within 2 days of filing DoD with SEBI	Newspaper - English, regional, Hindi
3	Details of anchor investors allocation	1 day before issue opening date	Stock Exchanges website
4	Issue opening date	3 working days after filing RHP with RoC	Stock Exchanges website
5	Availability of application forms	Till issue closure date	Stock Exchanges website
6	Availability of material documents for inspection by investors	Till issue closure date	Address given in Offer Document
7	Availability of General Information Document	Till issue closure date	LM website and stock exchange website
8	Price Band Advertisement	2 working days prior to issue opening date	Newspaper advertisement
9	Total demand in the issue	Issue closure date	Stock exchanges website on hourly basis
10	Commencement of trading	within 6 working days	Newspaper advertisement
11	Delay in unblocking ASBA Accounts	More than 4 working days	Compensation to investor @Rs. 100/day by intermediary causing delay
12	Advertisement on subscription and basis of allotment	Within 10 days	Newspaper advertisement
13	Allotment status and allotment advice	Completion of basis of allotment	By email / post

### **RIGHTS OF INVESTORS**

1. Investors can request for a copy of the offer document and / or application form from the issuer/ Lead Manager(s)
2. Retail investors are allowed to cancel their bids before issue closing date
3. In case of delay in unblocking of amounts blocked through the UPI Mechanism exceeding four working days from the offer closing date, the Bidder shall be compensated by the intermediary responsible for causing such delay in unblocking
4. Investors will get SMS w.r.t. allotment status and allotment advice will be sent in through email / physical to successful allottees

5. If allotted shares, all Rights as a Shareholder (as per Offer Document)

### **DOS AND DON'TS FOR THE INVESTORS**

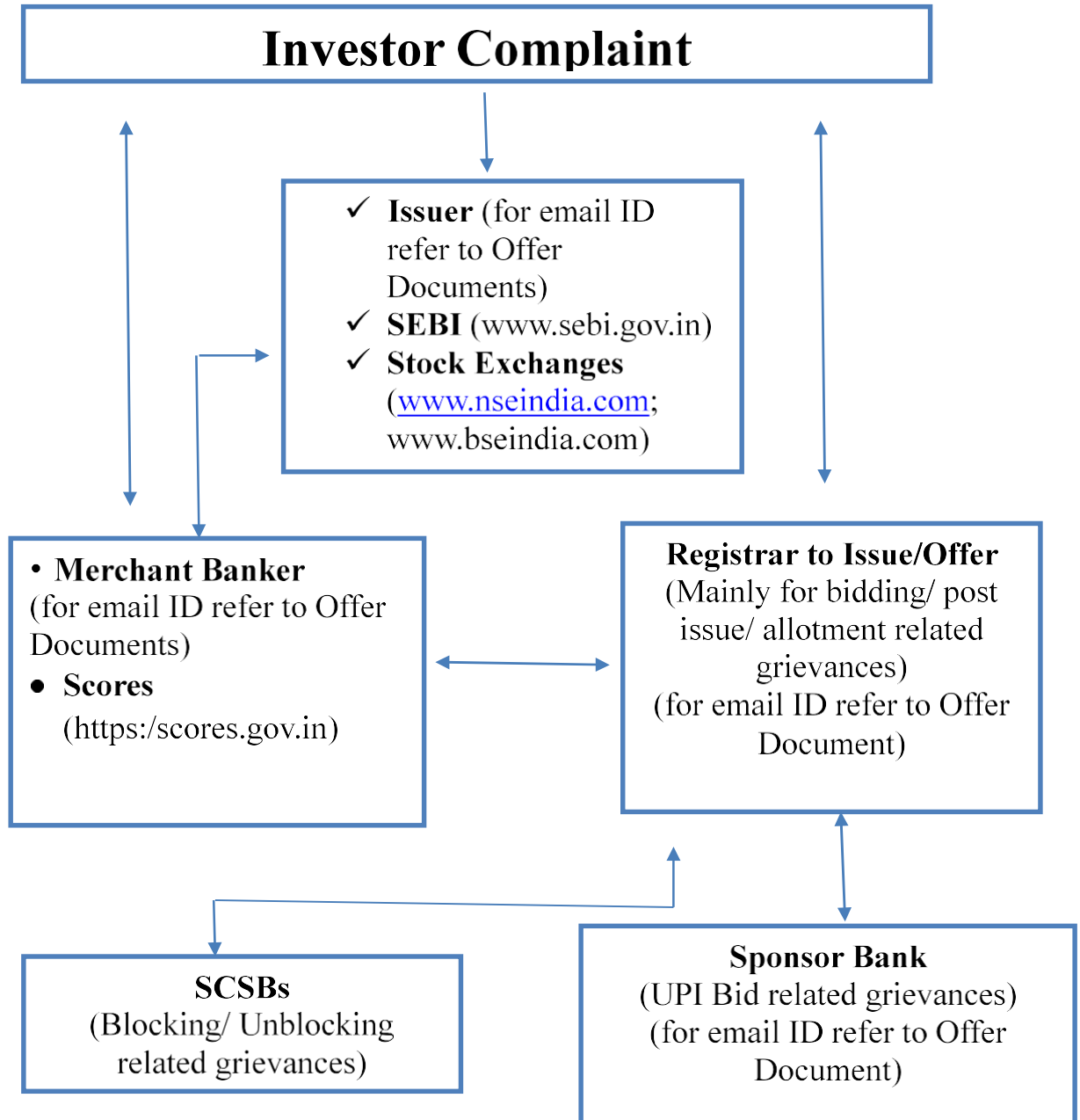
#### **Dos**

1. Check eligibility to invest in the RHP and under applicable law, rules, regulations, guidelines and approvals
2. Submit bids only thru ASBA (other than Anchor Investors)
3. Read all instructions carefully in the Bid cum Application Form
4. Ensure that Bid cum Application Form bearing the stamp of a Designated Intermediary is submitted to the Designated Intermediary at the Bidding Centre within the prescribed time
5. Ensure you have funds equal to the Bid Amount in the ASBA Account maintained with the SCSB
6. Ensure that name(s) given in the Bid cum Application Form is/are exactly the same as the name(s) in which the beneficiary account is held with the Depository Participant

#### **Don'ts**

1. Do not Bid for lower than the minimum Bid size
2. Do not submit the Bid for an amount more than funds available in your ASBA account
3. If you are a Retail bidder and are using UPI mechanism, do not submit more than one ASBA Form for each UPI ID
4. Do not submit a Bid/revise a Bid with a price less than the Floor Price or higher than the Cap Price

## **INVESTOR GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND HOW TO ACCESS IT**



**TIMELINES FOR RESOLUTION OF INVESTOR GRIEVANCES IN IPOs /FPOs)**

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of calendar days</b>
1	Investor grievance received by the lead manager	T
2	Manager to the offer to identify the concerned intermediary and it shall be endeavoured to forward the grievance to the concerned intermediary/ies on T day itself	T+1
3	The concerned intermediary/ies to respond to the lead manager with an acceptable reply / proof of resolution	X
5	Lead manager, the concerned intermediary/ies and the investor shall exchange between themselves additional information related to the grievance, wherever required	Between T and X
4	LM to reply to the investor with the reply / proof of resolution	X+3
5	Best efforts will be undertaken by lead manager to resolve the grievance within T+30	

**Nature of investor grievance for which the aforesaid timeline is applicable**

1. Delay in unblocking of funds
2. Non allotment / partial allotment of securities
3. Non receipt of securities in demat account
4. Amount blocked but application not bid
5. Application bid but amount not blocked
6. Any other nature as may be informed from time to time

**Mode of receipt of investor grievance**

The following modes of receipt will be considered valid for processing the grievances in the timelines discussed above

1. Letter from the investor addressed to the lead manager at its address mentioned in the offer document, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
2. E-mail from the investor addressed to the lead manager at its e-mail ID mentioned in the offer document, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
3. On SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES) platform.

**Nature of enquiries for which the lead manager shall respond to / escalated promptly**

1. Availability of application form
2. Availability of offer document

3. Process for participating in the issue / mode of payments
4. List of SCSBs / syndicate members
5. Date of issue opening / closing / allotment / listing
6. Technical setbacks in net-banking services provided by SCSBs / UPI mechanism
7. Any other query of similar nature

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTORS (EXPECTATIONS FROM THE INVESTORS)**

1. Read and understand the terms of offer documents, application form, and issue related literature carefully and fully before investing.
2. Consult own tax consultant with respect to the specific tax implications
3. Provide full and accurate information in the application form as maybe required while making an application and keep records of the same.
4. Ensure active demat/ broking account before investing.
5. Ensure correctness of all Demographic Details Bidder's address, name of the Bidder's father or husband, investor status, occupation, bank account details, PAN and UPI ID
6. Provide full and accurate details when making investor grievances to merchant bankers.
7. After the company is listed Investor to keep abreast of material developments and corporate actions like mergers, de-mergers, splits, rights issue, bonus, dividend etc.

## **INVESTOR CHARTER- RIGHTS ISSUE**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To continuously earn trust of investors and emerge as solution provider with integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Act in investors' best interests by understanding needs and developing solutions.
2. Enhance and customise value generating capabilities and services.
3. Disseminate complete information to investors to enable informed investment decision.

### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS OF THE ENTITY:**

**Act as Lead Manager to Rights Issue by a Listed Company**

### **SERVICES PROVIDED TO INVESTORS:**

- **Letter of Offer and other Rights Issue materials:** should contain all material disclosures.
- Upload Draft LoF on website of the Lead Managers.
- Make a public announcement, within 2 days of filing of the DLoF with SEBI, and invite comments from
- Make available the Abridged Letter of Offer ("ALoF"), application form and Rights Entitlement Letter.
- Make material contracts and documents available for inspection at the time and place mentioned in the LoF
- **Record Date, Rights Issue Price, Rights Entitlement ("RE ") ratio, Issue Period:**
- Announce the record date to determine eligible shareholders SEBI (LODR) Regulations.
- Record date, price, RE ratio, renunciation period, Rights Issue period in the LoF, ALoF etc.
- A link to the SEBI website that includes the list of SCSBs registered with SEBI, which offer the facility of ASBA to be given in LoF.
- **Availability of LoF and other issue materials:**
- ALoF, along with application form, sent to all the existing shareholders at least 3 days before the date of opening of the Rights Issue.
- Copy of the LoF also hosted on the website of issuer, SEBI, Stock Exchanges and Lead Managers. Existing shareholders can get a copy of the LoF from the issuer/ Lead Manager(s).
- Pre-Issue Advertisement, published at-least 2 days before Rights Issue opens.
- **Application Procedure:** Applications in a Rights Issue can only be made through Applications Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") through Self Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs") in the following manner:
- Physical ASBA Application form to be printed, filled-in and submitted to the designated branches of the SCSBs.
- Online ASBA –Online/ electronic application to be made through using the website of the SCSBs.
  - **Plain Paper Applications:** Shareholders who have neither received the application form nor are in a position to obtain a duplicate application form can make an application through plain paper as per details provided by such shareholders are disclosed in the LoF. Shareholders should note that applicants applying on plain paper cannot renounce their rights. Further, if application is made on plain paper and application form, both are liable to be rejected.

- SEBI may also prescribe any other application methods for a Rights Issue and the same will be suitably disclosed in the LoF.
- **Credit of electronic REs:**
- A separate ISIN is created for REs and remains frozen till the issue opening date.
- REs credited to the demat account of the shareholders as on the record date, before the issue opening date.
- REs credited to suspense escrow account in cases where such as shares held in physical form, shares under litigation, frozen demat account, details of demat account not available, etc.
- **How can investors check their REs?:**
- Rights entitlement letter is sent to the shareholders and also available on the website of the Registrar.
- Receipt of credit message from NSDL/ CDSL.
- Demat statement from depository participant showing credit of REs.
- **Options available to shareholders relating to REs:**
- Apply to full extent of REs or for a part of the RE (without renouncing the other part)
- Apply for a part of RE and renounce the other part of the RE
- Apply for full extent of RE and apply for additional rights securities
- Renounce the RE in full
- **Trading in Electronic REs:** Investors can trade REs in electronic form during the renunciation period in the following manner:
- **On Market Renunciation:**
  - Buy/ sell on the floor of the stock exchanges through a stock broker with T+2 rolling settlement.
  - Closes 4 working days prior to the closure of the Issue.
- **Off Market Renunciation:**
  - Buy/ sell using delivery instruction slips.
  - To be completed in such a manner that the REs are credited to the demat account of the renouncees on or prior to the Rights Issue closing date.
- **Allotment procedure, Credit of Securities and Unblocking:**
- The allotment is made by the issuer as per the disclosures made in the LoF.
- Securities are allotted and/ or application monies are refunded or unblocked within such period as may be specified by SEBI and disclosed in the LoF.
- Allotment, credit of dematerialised securities, refunding or unblocking of application monies, as may be applicable, are done electronically.
- A post-issue advertisement with prescribed disclosures including details relating to subscription, basis of allotment, value and percentage of successful allottees, date of completion of instructions to SCSBs by the Registrar, date of credit of securities, and date of filing of listing application, etc. is released within 10 days from the date of completion of the various activities.
- **Investors should also note:**
- REs which are neither renounced nor subscribed, on or before the issue closing date will lapse and shall be extinguished after the Issue Closing Date.

- Investors who purchase REs from the secondary market must ensure that they make an application and block/ pay the Rights Issue price amount.
- No withdrawal of application is permitted after the issue closing date.
- All allotments of securities shall be made in the dematerialised form only.
- Physical shareholders are required to provide their demat account details to the Issuer/ Registrar to the Issue for credit of REs not later than 2 working days prior to issue closing date, such that credit of REs in their demat account takes place at least one day before issue closing date.

#### **TIMELINES - RIGHTS ISSUES**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline for which activity takes place</b>	<b>Information where available/ Remarks</b>
1	Filing of DLoF by Issuer for public comments (if not a fast track Rights Issue)	DLoF made public for at-least 21 days from the date of filing the DLoF	Websites of SEBI, Stock Exchanges, Lead Managers
2	Public Announcement w.r.t. DLoF filing and inviting the public to provide comments in respect of the disclosures made in DLoF	Within 2 days of filing of the DLoF with SEBI	Newspaper - english, hindi, regional (at the place where the registered office of the Issuer is situated)
3	Record Date	Advance notice of at-least 3 working days (excluding the date of intimation and the Record Date)	Websites of Stock Exchanges; Record Date also disclosed in LoF, ALoF, Application Form, Pre-Issue Advertisement
4	Dispatch of ALoF along with Application Form and RE Letter	Must be completed at-least 3 days before the date of opening of the issue	Dispatched through registered post or speed post or by courier service or by electronic transmission
5	Pre-Issue Advertisement	At-least 2 days before the date of opening of the issue	Newspaper Advertisement (english, hindi, regional) with information such details of date of completion of dispatch of ALoF and Application Form; obtaining duplicate Application Forms, (c) application procedure etc.
6	Availability of electronic copy Application Form and ALoF	Before issue opening	Websites of Stock Exchanges, Registrar to Issue and SCSBs

7	Availability of LoF	Typically uploaded on the same day as filing with the Stock Exchanges	Website of Issuer, SEBI, Stock Exchanges and Lead Managers. Existing shareholders can also request for copy of the LoF and the same shall be provided by the issuer/ Lead Manager(s)
8	Rights Entitlement Information	-	RE Information available in RE Letter sent to shareholders, available on Registrar's website, credit message from NSDL/ CDSL when electronic REs are credited and demat statement from depository.
9	Credit of Rights Entitlement to the demat account of the shareholders as on Record Date	Before the issue opening date	Credit message from NSDL/ CDSL (e-mail/ SMS); Demat statement from depository participant showing credit of REs; Last date for credit of REs mentioned in LoF.
10	Issue opening date	Difference of at-least 3 days between dispatch of the ALoF alongwith Application Form and issue opening date + at-least 2 days between issue of Pre-Issue Advertisement and issue opening date	Stock Exchange website; Disclosure made in LoF, ALoF, Application Form, Pre-Issue Advertisement
11	On Market Renunciation	4 working days prior to issue closing date	Information on the procedure for On Market Renunciation disclosed in LoF; Last date for On Market Renunciation disclosed in LoF, Application Form alongwith ALoF, Pre-Issue Advertisement
12	Off Market Renunciation	REs must be credited to the demat account of the renounees on or prior to the issue closing date	Information on the procedure for Off Market Renunciation disclosed in LoF; Disclosure that REs must be credited to the demat account of the renounees on or prior to the issue closing date in LoF
13	Physical shareholders (if any) can provide	2 days prior to issue closing date	Disclosure made in LoF

	their demat account details to Issuer/ Registrar		
14	Credit of REs of demat accounts of Physical Shareholders, as provided by them to the Issuer/ Registrar	1 day prior to issue closing date	Disclosure made in LoF; Intimation of credit by e-mail/ SMS
15	Withdrawal/ Cancellation of bids	Issue closing date	Disclosure made in LoF
16	Issue closing date	Rights Issue kept open for a minimum period of 15 days and maximum period of 30 days	Stock Exchange website; Disclosure made in LoF, ALoF, Application Form, Pre-Issue Advertisement
17	Credit of securities, allotment status and allotment advice	Within 15 days from issue closing date	Credit confirmation by e-mail/ SMS from depository; Allotment advice through electronic/ physical intimations
18	Lapsed REs are extinguished and ISIN for REs is permanently deactivated	On completion of allotment, the ISIN for REs is deactivated in the depository system by the depositories	REs which are neither renounced nor subscribed by shareholders, shall lapse after closure of the Issue. Issuer shall ensure that lapsed REs are extinguished from depository system once securities are allotted pursuant to the Issue. Once allotment is done, the ISIN for REs shall be permanently deactivated in the depository system by the depositories.
19	Unblocking ASBA Accounts/ refunds	Within 15 days from issue closing date	In case of any delay in giving the instructions, the Issuer shall undertake to pay interest at the rate of 15% per annum to the shareholders within such time as disclosed in the LoF
20	Commencement of trading	Typically the working day after the date of credit of securities to the allottees	Notices posted on websites of Stock Exchanges
21	Post issue advertisement on subscription and basis of allotment	Within 10 days from the date of completion of the various activities	Newspaper - english, hindi, regional (at the place where the registered office of the Issuer is situated)

## **RIGHTS OF INVESTORS**

- Receive transferable and transmittable rights shares that rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing shares of the Issuer Company.
- Receive ALoF with Application Form prior to Issue Opening Date.
- Receive REs in dematerialized form prior to Issue Opening Date.
- Receive allotment advice and letters intimating unblocking of ASBA account or refund (if any).
- Existing shareholder has the right to request for a copy of LoF and the same shall be provided by the Issuer/ Lead Manager.
- All such rights as may be available to a shareholder of a listed public company under the Companies Act, the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association.

## **DO's and DON'Ts FOR INVESTORS**

### **DO's:**

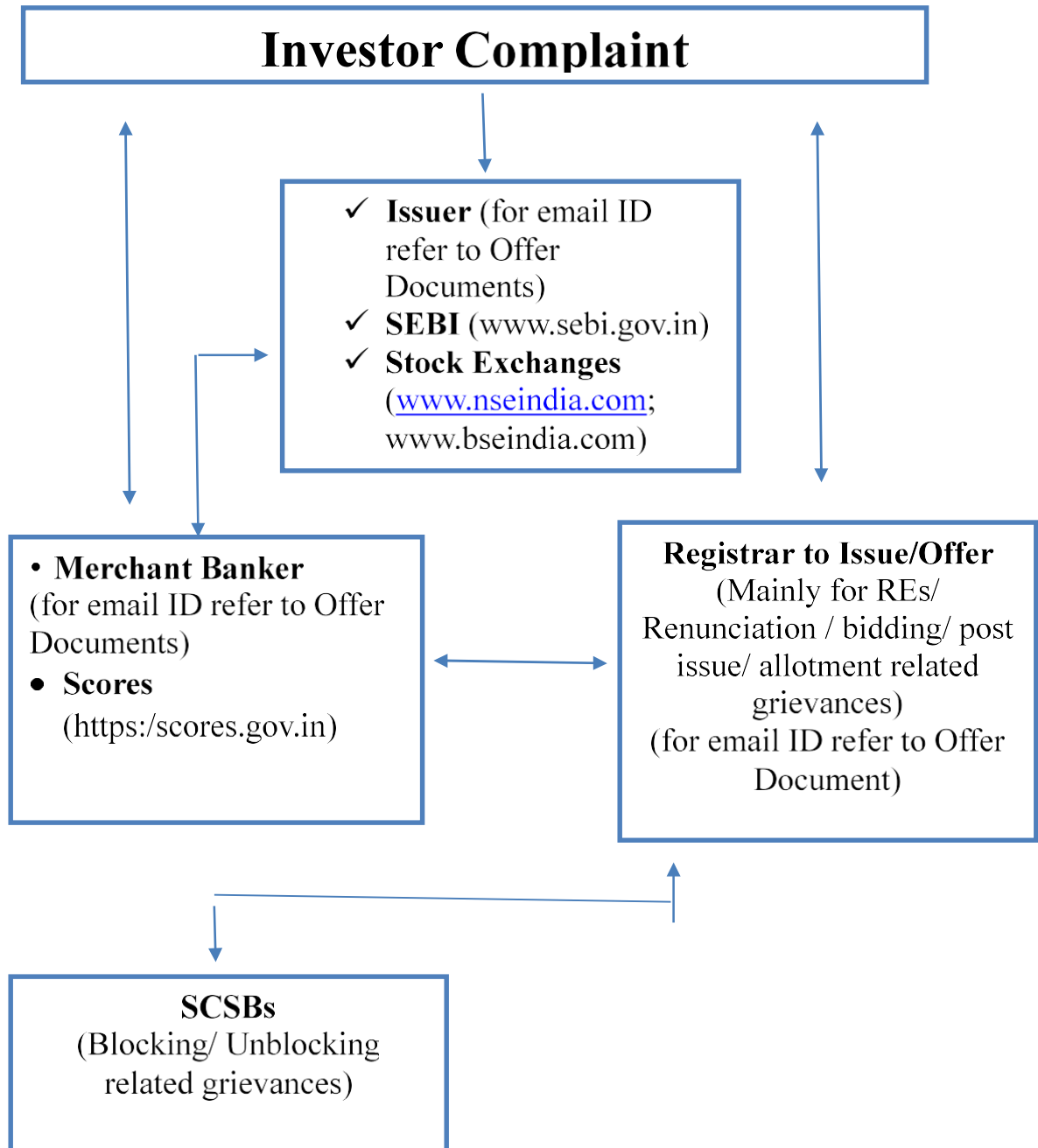
- Carefully read through and fully understand the LoF, ALoF, Application Form, rights entitlement letters, application procedure and other issue related documents, and abide by the terms and conditions.
- Ensure accurate updation of demographic details with depositories - including the address, name, investor status, bank account details, PAN, e-mails addresses, contact details etc.
- Have/ open an ASBA enabled bank account with an SCSB, prior to making the Application.
- Ensure demat/ broking account is active.
- Provide necessary details, including details of the ASBA Account, authorization to the SCSB to block an amount equal to the Application Money in the ASBA Account mentioned in the Application Form, and also provide signature of the ASBA Account holder (if the ASBA Account holder is different from the Investor).
- All Investors including Renouncees, must mandatorily invest in the Issue through the ASBA process only and/ or any other mechanism as prescribed by SEBI and disclosed in the LoF/ ALoF.
- In case of non-receipt of Application Form, request for duplicate Application Form or make an application on plain paper.
- Submit Application Form with the designated branch of the SCSBs before the Issue Closing Date with correct details of bank account and depository participant
- Ensure that sufficient funds are available in the ASBA account before submitting the same to the respective branch of SCSB.
- Ensure an acknowledgement is received from the designated branch of SCSB for submission of the Application Form in physical form.
- All Investors should mention their PAN number in the Application Form, except for Applications submitted on behalf of the Central and the State Governments, residents of Sikkim and the officials appointed by the Courts.
- Ensure that the name(s) given in the Application Form is exactly the same as the name(s) in which the beneficiary account is held with the Depository Participant.
- Trading of REs should be completed in such a manner that they are credited to the demat account of the renouncees on or prior to the Rights Issue closing date.
- Investors who purchase REs from the secondary market must ensure that they make an application and block/ pay the Rights Issue price amount.

- All communication in connection with application for the rights shares, including any change in address of the Investors should be addressed to the Registrar prior to the date of allotment quoting the name of the first/ sole Investor, folio numbers/ DP Id and Client Id. Further, change in address should also be intimated to the respective depository participant.
- In case the Application Form is submitted in joint names, ensure that the beneficiary account is also held in same joint names and such names are in the sequence in which they appear in the Application Form.
- Investors holding Equity Shares in physical form, who have not provided the details of their demat account to the Issuer Company or the RTA, are required to provide such details to the RTA, no later than two working days prior to the Issue Closing Date to enable the credit of their REs by way of transfer from the suspense Demat escrow account to their respective Demat accounts, at least one day before the Issue Closing Date.
- Investors may withdraw their Application at any time during Issue Period by approaching the SCSB where application was submitted.
- Sign and/ or submit all such documents and do all such acts that are necessary for allotment of Rights shares in the Issue.
- Provide accurate information and investor details while filing for investor complaints/ grievances.

#### **DON'Ts**

- Investors should not apply on plain paper after submitting CAF to a designated branch of the SCSB.
- Investor should not pay the application money in cash, by cheque, demand draft, money order, pay order or postal order.
- Physical Application Forms should not be sent to the Lead Manager/ Registrar/ to a branch of the SCSB which is not a designated branch; instead those are to be submitted only with a designated branch of the SCSB.
- GIR number should not be provided instead of PAN as the application is liable to be rejected.
- Do not apply with an ASBA account that has been used for five or more Applications.
- Do not instruct the SCSBs to release the funds blocked under the ASBA process.
- Investors cannot withdraw their Application post the Issue Closing Date.

## **INVESTOR GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND HOW TO ACCESS IT**



**TIMELINES FOR RESOLUTION OF INVESTOR GRIEVANCES- RIGHTS ISSUES**

Sr. No	Activity	No. of calendar days
1	Investor grievance received by the lead manager	T
2	Lead Manager to the offer to identify the concerned intermediary and it shall be endeavoured to forward the grievance to the concerned intermediary/ies on T day itself	T+1
3	The concerned intermediary/ies to respond to the lead manager with an acceptable reply	X
4	Investor may escalate the pending grievance, if any, to a senior officer of the lead manager of rank of Vice President or above	T+21
5	Lead manager, the concerned intermediary/ies and the investor shall exchange between themselves additional information related to the grievance, wherever required	Between T and X
6	LM to respond to the investor with the reply	Upto X+3
7	Best efforts will be undertaken by lead manager to respond to the grievance within T+30	

**Nature of investor grievance for which the aforesaid timeline is applicable**

1. Delay in unblocking of funds
2. Non allotment/ partial allotment of securities
3. Non receipt of securities in demat account
4. Amount blocked but application not made
5. Application made but amount not blocked
6. Any other grievance as may be informed from time to time

**Mode of receipt of investor grievance**

The following modes of receipt will be considered valid for processing the grievances in the timelines discussed above

1. Letter from the investor addressed to the lead manager at its address mentioned in the offer document, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
2. E-mail from the investor addressed to the lead manager at its e-mail address mentioned in the offer document, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
3. On SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES) platform.

**Nature of enquiries for which the Lead manager shall endeavour to resolve such enquiries/ queries promptly during the issue period.**

1. Availability of application form, ALoF
2. Availability of offer document
3. Credit and trading in Res; Options available to shareholders relating to REs
4. Process for participating in the issue/ mode of payments
5. List of SCSBs

6. Record Date, Rights Issue Price, RE ratio, Issue Period, date of allotment, date of listing
7. Technical setbacks in services provided by SCSBs/ other payment mechanisms
8. Any other query of similar nature

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTORS**

- Read the LoF, ALoF, application form, rights entitlement letters and other issue related literature carefully and fully before investing, including the risk factors section.
- Fully understand the terms of investment and timelines involved in the issue process as disclosed in the LoF, ALoF, application form, and issue related literature.
- Consult his or her own tax consultant with respect to the specific tax implications arising out of their participation in the issue.
- Provide full and accurate information in the application form as maybe required while making an application and when making investor grievances; Also keep records of the same.
- Ensure active demat/ broking account before investing.
- Shareholders should ensure to register E-mail Id with the Company or Depository for timely updates on Corporate actions.
- Keep abreast of material developments relating to the company inter alia by checking the company's website or the websites of the Stock Exchanges including for corporate actions like mergers, de-mergers, splits, rights issue, bonus, dividend etc.

## **INVESTOR CHARTER-QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONS PLACEMENT (QIPs)**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To continuously earn trust of investors and emerge as solution provider with integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Act in investors' best interests by understanding needs and developing solutions.
2. Enhance and customise value generating capabilities and services.
3. Disseminate complete information to investors to enable informed investment decision.

### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS OF THE ENTITY:**

Act as Lead Manager to QIP

### **SERVICES PROVIDED TO INVESTORS:**

- (1) **Select QIBs receive Offer Documents (PPD/ PD):** Preliminary Placement Document ("PPD") and Placement Document ("PD") contain material information required under applicable laws. The PPD and PD are serially numbered and copies the same are circulated only to select QIBs. PPD and PD placed on websites of the relevant Stock Exchange(s) and of the issuer.
- (2) **Key terms of the QIP** included in the PPD which is sent to select QIBs on issue opening date, include the following:
  - the relevant date (typically the date when the issuer's board of directors or committee of directors duly authorised by the board of directors decides to open the QIP)
  - the floor price (determined in terms of the SEBI (ICDR) Regulations)
- (3) **QIP Closing Date:** QIBs participating in the QIP should look out for the outcome of the meeting of the board of directors of the issuer or a committee of directors, notifying the date of closure of the QIP and the final QIP price. In this regard, a minimum notice period of at-least 2 working days (excluding the date of notice and the date of meeting) is required to be provided by the issuer under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations.
- (4) **Application Process:** QIBs submit the filled-in application forms to the lead managers along with credit of their subscription monies (which is kept in a separate bank account), on or prior to the close of the QIP.
- (5) **Allotment:** QIBs should take note of the following regarding allotment pursuant to QIP:
  - QIP issue size  $\leq$  Rs.250 crores; minimum 2 allottees.
  - QIP issue size  $>$  Rs.250 crores; minimum 5 allottees.
  - Minimum 10% to be allotted to mutual funds. However, any unsubscribed portion may be allotted to other QIBs.

- No allotment, either directly or indirectly, to any QIB who is a promoter or any person related to the promoters of the issuer.
- No individual allottee is allowed to have more than 50% of the total amount issued.
- QIB under the same group/ under same control is considered as single allottee.
- On approval of the allotment by the board of directors of the issuer/ committee of directors, QIBs which have received allotment in the QIP receive a serially numbered PD (including the final QIP price, issue period details etc.) and confirmation of allotment note (CAN). Thereafter, the credit of shares to successful allottees takes place.

**(6) Disclosure of list of investors** in the PD and Stock Exchange websites:

- Names of the allottees and the percentage of their post-issue shareholding is disclosed in the PD.
- The names of the allottees are also be mentioned in PAS-3 (ROC form for allotment to be filed by the Company).
- In case, any QIB belonging to the same group/ under same control is allotted more than 5% of the equity shares, their names along with the number of equity shares allotted are disclosed on the websites of the stock exchanges

**(7) Restrictions on Transferability:** QIBs should note that specified securities issued under a QIP are subject to lock-in for 1 year, unless sold on the floor of stock exchange.

**TIMELINES - QIPs**

Sr. No.	Activity	Timeline for which activity takes place	Information where available/ Remarks
1	Issue opening date	Typically the same day when Issuer's Board/ Committee decides to open the issue	Websites of Stock Exchanges; Also disclosed in the PPD, PD
2	Availability of PPD	Typically available on the same day as when the Issuer's Board/ Committee decides to open the issue	BRLMs circulate serially numbered copies of the PPD to select QIB investors; Copies of PPD also available in the websites of Stock Exchanges and Issuer
3	Availability of details of Lead Managers, Escrow Bank	Part of PPD, PD, Application Form	Details available in PPD, PD, Application Form
4	Availability of the Floor Price, key terms of the issue etc.	Part of PPD, PD	Floor Price typically disclosed in the outcome to the Board/ Committee meeting. Floor Price, key terms etc. disclosed in the PPD, PD
5	Availability of application forms	No later than issue closing	BRLMs circulate application forms to select investors; Sample application form is sometimes also available in the PPD

6	Submission of filled-in application forms and subscription monies	No later than issue closing	Application forms submitted by QIB investors to BRLMs; Subscription monies credited to a separate bank account, as per details provided to the QIB investors
7	Outcome of Issuer's Board or Committee meeting to decide final QIP price; Availability of final QIP price	Post completion of the Board/ Committee meeting	Websites of Stock Exchanges; QIP price also disclosed in the PD and CAN
8	Issue closing date	Typically the same date as the Issuer's Board or Committee meeting to decide final QIP price	Websites of Stock Exchanges; Also disclosed in the PD
9	Confirmation of Allocation Note (CAN) and serially numbered PD sent to successful allottees	Typically on the same day as the issue closing or the next day	BRLMs to circulate serially numbered CANs and PDs to successful applicants; CAN includes details of securities allocated to each QIB applicant, issue price and bid amount, probable date of credit of securities to the applicant's demat account
10	Availability of PD	Typically on the same day as the issue closing or the next day	BRLMs circulate serially numbered copies of the PD to QIB applicants which have received allocation; Copies of PD also available in the websites of Stock Exchanges and Issuer
11	List of allottees	Part of PD	Included in PD and Form PAS-3 (ROC form for allotment to be filed by the Issuer)
12	Board/ Committee meeting to approve allotment	Typically the same day as circulation of CANs and PD to successful allottees	Outcome of meeting uploaded on websites of Stock Exchanges
13	List of allottees allotted more than 5% of the securities offered	Typically given together with the outcome of Board/ Committee meeting for allotment	Websites of the Stock Exchanges
14	Credit of securities to demat accounts of allottees	Corporate action by Issuer on the same day as	Confirmation of credit to allottees through e-mail/ SMS by DP

		approval of allotment or next working day	
15	Commencement of trading	Typically, application to the Stock Exchanges is made at the same time as the corporate action for credit of securities	Notices posted on websites of Stock Exchanges

### **RIGHTS OF INVESTORS**

1. Receive transferable and transmittable equity shares that rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing equity shares of the Issuer Company.
2. Receive PPD, PD, application form, CAN from the Issuer Company/ Lead Managers.
3. Response to investor queries.
4. All such rights as may be available to a shareholder of a listed public company under the Companies Act, the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association.

### **DO's and DON'Ts FOR INVESTORS**

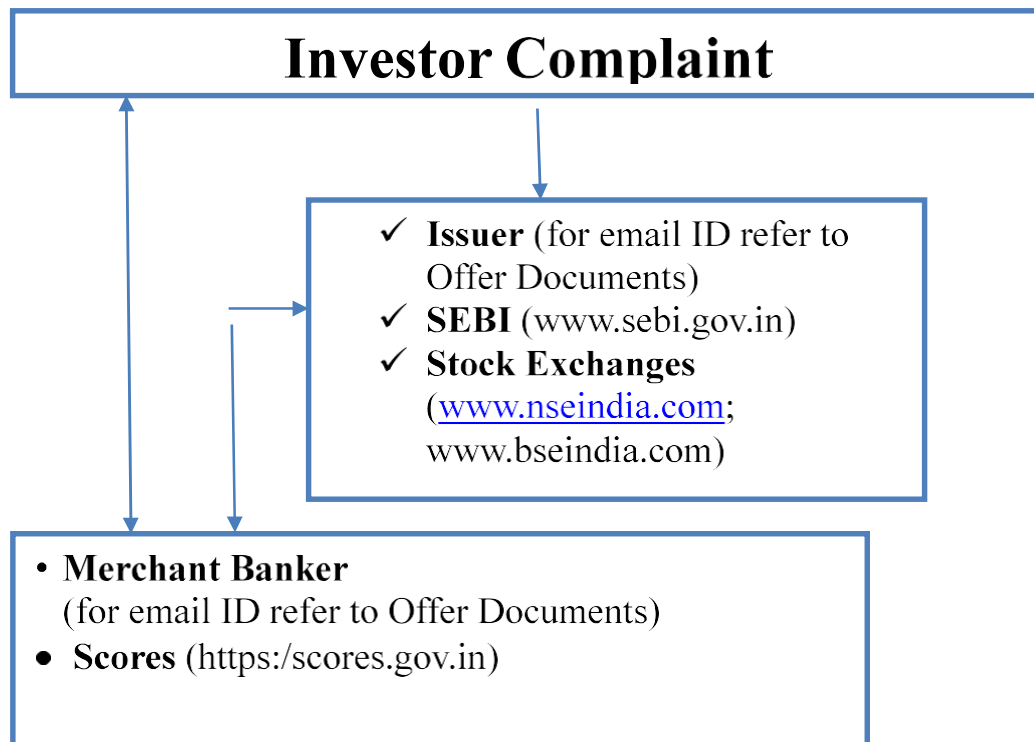
#### **DO's:**

1. Carefully read through and fully understand the PD, PD, application form, CAN and other issue related documents, and abide by the terms and conditions.
2. Ensure accurate updation of demographic details with depositories - including the address, name, investor status, bank account details, PAN, e-mails addresses, contact details etc.
3. Ensure active demat/ broking account before investing, as securities will be allotted in dematerialized form.
4. Ensure valid QIB registration.
5. Provide full and accurate information in duly filled-in application form.
6. Review Stock Exchange website for the outcome of the meeting of the board/ committee of directors of the Issuer, notifying the date of closure of QIP, the final QIP price etc.
7. Submit duly filled-in application forms to Lead Managers along with credit of the subscription monies, which is kept in a separate bank account on or prior to the close of QIP.
8. Provide accurate information and investor details while making any query.

#### **DON'Ts**

1. Investors should not sell securities allotted in a QIP during the lock-in period, except on the floor of the Stock Exchanges.
2. Investors should not trade in the securities allotted in a QIP, prior to the receipt of final listing and trading approvals from Stock Exchanges.
3. Investors should not participate in the Issue, if the Investor is not an eligible QIB as defined under Regulation 2(1)(ss) of SEBI ICDR Regulations.
4. Investors should not forward, circulate or distribute the application form, PPD, PD and CAN or any accompanying issue related documents sent to them to any third party.
5. Investors cannot withdraw, modify, cancel or revise their application downwards after the Issue Closing Date.

## **INVESTOR GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND HOW TO ACCESS IT**



### **TIMELINES FOR RESOLUTION OF INVESTOR GRIEVANCES IN OIPs**

Sr. No	Activity	No. of calendar days
1	Investor grievance received by the lead manager	T
2	Lead manager to identify the concerned person (company/ intermediary) and it shall be endeavoured to forward the grievance to the said person on T day itself	T+1
3	The company/ concerned intermediary to respond to the lead manager with an acceptable reply	X
4	Investor may escalate the pending grievance, if any, to a senior officer of the lead manager of rank of Vice President or above	T+21
5	Lead manager, the company/ concerned intermediary/ies and the investor shall exchange between themselves additional information related to the grievance, wherever required	Between T and X
6	LM to respond to the investor with the reply	Upto X+3
7	Best efforts will be undertaken by lead manager to respond to the grievance within T+30	

**Nature of investor grievance for which the aforesaid timeline is applicable**

1. Delay in refunds, if any
2. Non-allocation/ allotment of securities after receipt of CAN/ payment of application amount
3. Non receipt of securities in demat account
4. Any other grievance as may be informed from time to time

**Mode of receipt of investor grievance**

The following modes of receipt will be considered valid for processing the grievances in the timelines discussed above

1. Letter from the investor addressed to the lead manager at its address mentioned in the offer document, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
2. E-mail from the investor addressed to the lead manager at its e-mail address mentioned in the offer document, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
3. On SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES) platform.

**Nature of enquiries for which the Lead manager shall endeavour to resolve such enquiries/ queries promptly during the issue period.**

1. Process for applying in the QIP and making payments
2. Terms of the QIP, allotment methodology, Issue Period, date of allotment, date of listing
3. Non-receipt of CANs
4. Any other query of similar nature

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTORS**

1. Read the PPD, PD, application form and other issue related literature carefully and fully before investing.
2. Fully understand the terms of investment and timelines involved in the issue process as disclosed in the PPD, PD, application form, and issue related literature.
3. Consult his or her own tax consultant with respect to the specific tax implications arising out of their participation in the issue.
4. Provide full and accurate information in the application form as maybe required while making an application and when making investor grievances; Also keep records of the same.
5. Ensure active demat/ broking account before investing.
6. Applications using third party bank accounts are liable for rejection.
7. Shareholders should ensure to register E-mail Id with the Company or Depository for timely updates on Corporate actions like dividend, Buyback, takeover etc.
8. Keep themselves informed of material developments relating to the company inter alia by checking the company's website or the websites of the Stock Exchanges including for corporate actions like mergers, de-mergers, splits, rights issue, bonus, dividend etc.

## **INVESTOR CHARTER – PREFERENTIAL ISSUE**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To continuously earn trust of investors and emerge as solution provider with integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Act in investors' best interests by understanding needs and developing solutions.
2. Enhance and customise value generating capabilities and services.
3. Disseminate complete information to investors to enable informed investment decision.

### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS OF THE ENTITY**

Act as merchant banker/advisor for the transaction

### **SERVICES PROVIDED FOR INVESTORS**

1. Issuers disclose all matters w.r.t. objects of issue, maximum number of securities etc as stipulated in SEBI Regulations in the explanatory statement attached notice to shareholder
2. Price of the equity shares to be determined as per SEBI Regulations.
3. Information w.r.t. lock-in provisions, considerations payable at the time of allotment, tenor of convertible securities disclosed in the Explanatory Statement
4. Allotment pursuant to the special resolution shall be completed within a period of fifteen days from the date of passing of shareholders resolution.

### **TIMELINES**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline for which activity takes place</b>	<b>Information where available</b>
1	Outcome of the board meeting	30 mins from completion of board meeting	Website of Company, Stock Exchanges
2	Advertisement to be made in the principal vernacular language of the district in which the registered office of the company is situated and having a wide circulation in that district and at least once in English language in an English newspaper, having country-wide circulation	21 days before EGM	Newspapers, website of Company and Stock Exchanges
3	Relevant Date for determining preferential issue price	30 days prior to the date of shareholder approval	Notice of EGM sent to shareholder and available of website of Company and Stock Exchanges
4	Outcome of the board meeting approving allotment	30 mins from completion of board meeting	Website of Company, Stock Exchanges

5	Allotment of Equity shares	within 15 days	Intimation will be sent to all Investors
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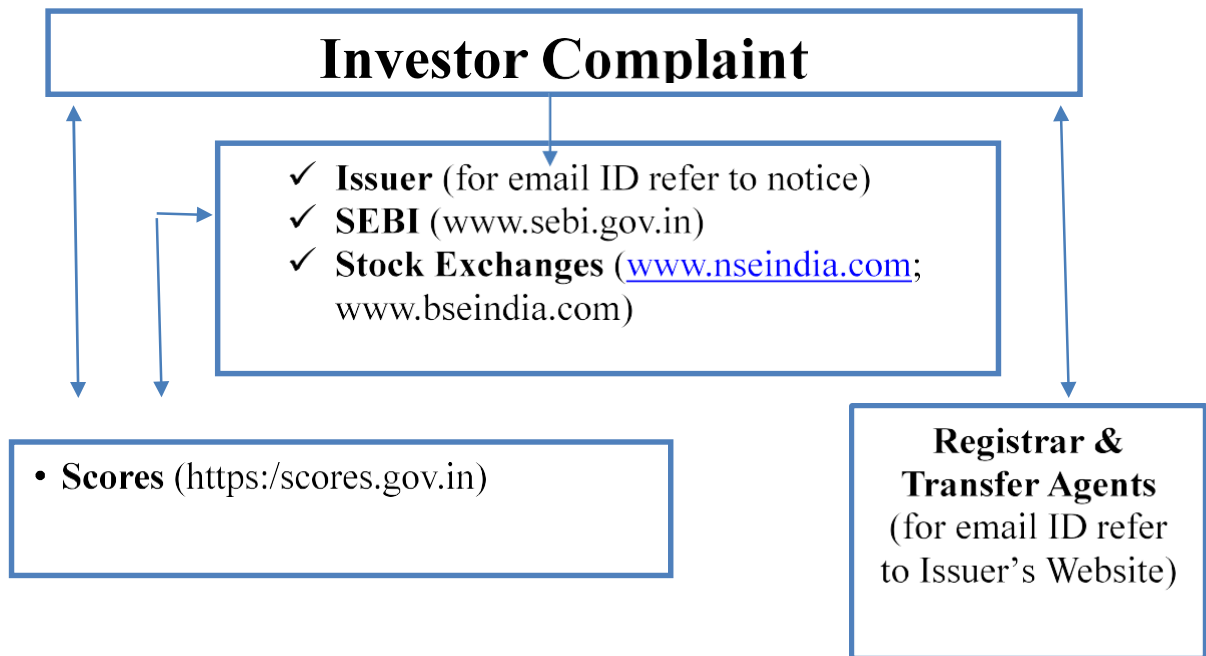
### **RIGHTS OF INVESTORS**

1. Receive the notice and the explanatory statement with the required details about the proposed preferential issue
2. Right to seek clarification in accordance with the grievance redressal mechanism policy of the company
3. Such other rights, as may be available to a shareholder of a listed public company under the Companies Act, the Listing Regulations and the AoA of the Company and other applicable laws

### **DO's and DON'Ts FOR INVESTORS**

1. Provide correct and factual details as requested by the Issuer for compliance with requirements under Companies, Act, 2013, SEBI ICDR and other relevant rules and regulations.
2. Pay full consideration at the time of allotment in case of equity shares. In case of warrants, pay at least 25% of the consideration at the time of allotment
3. Not delay in making the payments.
4. Ensure that payment is done only from the allottee's bank account.

### **INVESTOR GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND HOW TO ACCESS IT**



**TIMELINES FOR RESOLUTION OF INVESTOR GRIEVANCES - PREFERENTIAL ISSUE**

Sr. No	Activity	No. of calendar days
1	Investor grievance received by the Issuer and/or the RTA	T
2	The Issuer and/or the RTA to respond to the investor with an acceptable reply	T+10
3	The Issuer and/or the RTA and the investor shall exchange between themselves additional information related to the grievance, wherever required	Between T and T+10
4	In case any further coordination / information is required by Issuer / RTA, final response to the investor should be sent	Up to T+20
5	Best efforts will be undertaken by Merchant bank to respond to the grievance within T+30	

**Note:**

**It is not mandatory for the Issuer to appoint a Merchant Banker or any other entity as Advisor or Arranger for the Preferential Issue and even if appointed, they are NOT involved in the entire process of Issuance. Hence the Investors will have to take up their grievance/s directly with the Company AND /OR RTAs.**

**Nature of investor grievance for which the aforesaid timeline is applicable**

1. Delay in refunds, if any
2. Non-receipt of notice or other relevant communication
3. Non receipt of securities in demat account
4. Any other grievance as may be informed from time to time

**Mode of receipt of investor grievance**

The following modes of receipt will be considered valid for processing the grievances in the timelines discussed above

1. Letter from the investor addressed to the merchant bank at its address mentioned in any relevant communication, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
2. E-mail from the investor addressed to the merchant bank at its e-mail address mentioned in the notice or any other relevant communication, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
3. On SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES) platform.

**Nature of enquiries for which the Merchant bank/Advisor/ Arranger shall endeavour to resolve such enquiries/ queries promptly during the issue period.**

1. Process for applying in the issue and making payments
2. Terms of the issue, pricing, allotment methodology, issue period, date of allotment, date of listing
3. Any other query of similar nature

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTORS**

1. Stockholders should read notice and other related literature carefully.
2. Investor shall comply with regulatory requirement including investment limit under which it is governed for example insurance companies, FPIs, Mutual Funds etc before investing in listed companies.
3. Investor shall obtain required approval, if any before making investment
4. Investors should fully understand the terms of investment and timelines involved in the issue process as disclosed in the offer document, application form, and issue related literature.
5. Investor to confirm and ensure that it is not directly or indirectly, debarred from accessing the capital market or have been restrained by any regulatory authority from directly or indirectly acquiring the Equity Shares.
6. Investor to confirm that it is not declared as wilful defaulter as per RBI circular.
7. Investor shall transfer subscription money to Company in reasonable time to ensure allotment get completed in 15 days from the date of special resolution.
8. Investor should consult his or her own tax consultant with respect to the specific tax implications arising out of their participation in the issue.
9. Investors should provide full and accurate information in the application form as maybe required while making an application and keep records of the same.
10. Shareholders should ensure to register E-mail Id with the Company or Depository for timely updates on Corporate actions like dividend, Buyback, Takeover etc.

## **INVESTOR CHARTER- SME IPOs & FPOs (including OFS)**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To continuously earn trust of investors and emerge as solution provider with integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Act in investors' best interests by understanding needs and developing solutions.
2. Enhance and customise value generating capabilities and services.
3. Disseminate complete information to investors to enable informed investment decision.

### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS OF THE ENTITY**

**IPOs & FPOs for SME – Act as a Merchant Banker to the Issuer / Selling Shareholder**

### **DETAILS OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO INVESTORS**

1. Upload Draft Offer Document on Stock Exchange (s) / Lead Managers Website. and also upload RHP/Prospectus SEBI / Stock Exchanges / Lead Managers Website
2. Disclose a summary statement in draft offer document of price performance of immediately preceding past 10 public issues handled by lead managers in the current and two immediately preceding financial years
3. Disclose on lead managers' website the track record of the performance of the public issues managed by them for a period of three financial years from the date of listing for each public issue managed by the Lead Manager
4. Publish details of anchor investor allocation on the website of stock exchanges before the issue opens for public subscription.
5. Keep Issue Open for a Period of 3 working days (extendable up to maximum 10 working days)
6. Ensure material contracts and documents are available for inspection as per details in Offer Document
7. If floor price or price band not disclosed in the red herring prospectus, publish price band advertisement in newspaper at least two working days before the opening of the issue and upload on SEBI / Stock Exchanges Website
8. Ensure the relevant financial ratios are disclosed in the price band announcement and pre-filled application forms are available on the websites of the stock exchange(s).
9. Listing and the commencement of trading of the Equity Shares on the Stock Exchanges within six Working Days of the Offer Closing Date or such other time as may be prescribed by SEBI.
10. Publish advertisement details of subscription, basis of allotment, date of credit of specified securities and date of filing of listing application, etc. within ten days from the date of completion of the each activity.

<b>TIMELINES - SME IPOs &amp; FPOs (including OFS)</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline for which activity takes place</b>	<b>Information where available</b>
1	Filing of draft offer document by company	0	Websites of SEBI, Stock Exchanges, Lead Managers
2	Details of anchor investors allocation	1 day before issue opening date	Stock Exchanges website
3	Issue opening date	3 working days after filing RHP with RoC	Stock Exchanges website
4	Availability of application forms	Till issue closure date	Stock Exchanges website
5	Availability of material documents for inspection by investors	Till issue closure date	Address given in Offer Document
6	Availability of General Information Document	Till issue closure date	LM website and stock exchange website
7	Price Band Advertisement	2 working days prior to issue opening date	-
8	Delay in unblocking ASBA Accounts	More than 4 working days	Compensation to investor @ Rs. 100/day by intermediary causing delay
9	Advertisement on subscription and basis of allotment	Within 10 days	Newspaper advertisement
10	Allotment status and allotment advice	Completion of basis of allotment	By email / post

### **RIGHTS OF INVESTORS**

1. Investors can request for a copy of the offer document and / or application form and the same shall be provided by the issuer/ Lead Manager(s).
2. Retail investors are allowed to cancel their bids before issue closing date. Institutional and Non-institutional investors are allowed to modify and only upward revise their bids during the period the issue is open.
3. In case of any delay in unblocking of amounts in the ASBA Accounts (including amounts blocked through the UPI Mechanism) exceeding four working days from the offer closing date, the Bidder shall be compensated at a uniform rate of ₹ 100 per day for the entire duration of delay exceeding four working days from the offer closing date, by the intermediary responsible for causing such delay in unblocking.

4. Investors get email and sms messages w.r.t. allotment status and allotment advice is sent in through email / physical to successful allottees post completion of basis of allotment.
5. If allotted shares, all Rights as a Shareholder (as per Offer Document)

#### **DOS AND DON'TS FOR THE INVESTORS**

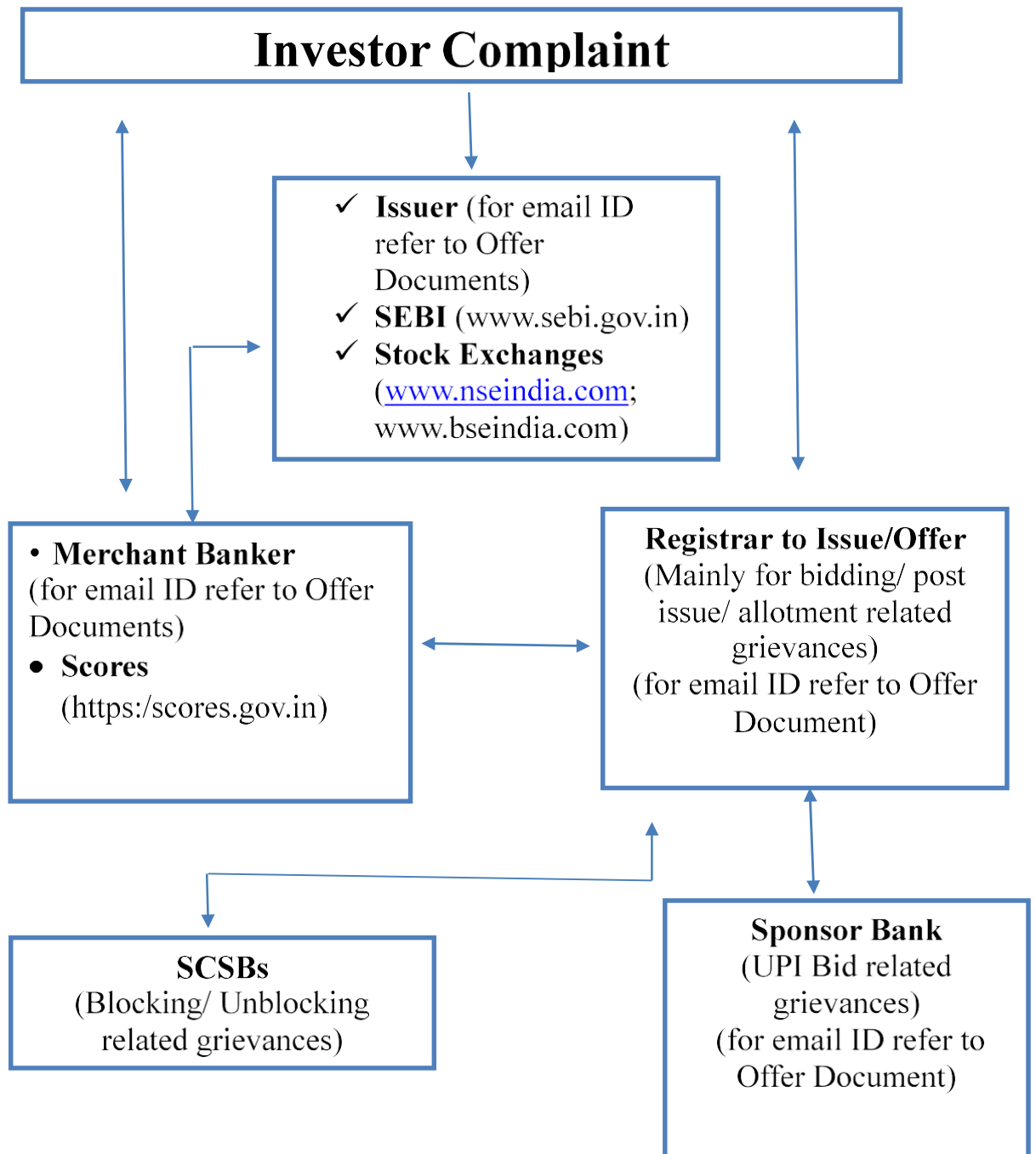
##### **Dos**

1. Check Eligibility in the RHP and under applicable law, rules, regulations, guidelines and approvals.
2. Submission of Bids – only ASBA (other than Anchor Investors) Read all the instructions carefully and complete the Bid cum Application Form, as the case may be, in the prescribed form
3. Ensure that your Bid cum Application Form bearing the stamp of a Designated Intermediary is submitted to the Designated Intermediary at the Bidding Centre within the prescribed time
4. Ensure that you have funds equal to the Bid Amount in the ASBA Account maintained with the SCSB, before submitting the ASBA Form to any of the Designated Intermediaries
5. Ensure that the name(s) given in the Bid cum Application Form is/are exactly the same as the name(s) in which the beneficiary account is held with the Depository Participant
6. Ensure that the Bidder's depository account is active, the correct DP ID, Client ID, the PAN, UPI ID, if applicable, are mentioned in their Bid cum Application Form and that the name of the Bidder, the DP ID, Client ID, the PAN and UPI ID, if applicable, entered into the online IPO system of the Stock Exchanges by the relevant Designated Intermediary, as applicable, matches with the name, DP ID, Client ID, PAN and UPI ID, if applicable, available in the Depository database

##### **Don'ts**

1. Do not Bid for lower than the minimum Bid size
2. Do not submit the Bid for an amount more than funds available in your ASBA account
3. If you are a Retail bidder and are using UPI mechanism, do not submit more than one ASBA Form for each UPI ID
4. Do not submit incorrect details of the DP ID, Client ID, PAN and UPI ID
5. Do not submit a Bid/revise a Bid Amount, with a price less than the Floor Price or higher than the Cap Price
6. Do not withdraw your Bid or lower the size of your Bid (in terms of quantity of the Equity Shares or the Bid Amount) at any stage, if you are a QIB or a Non-Institutional Bidder. Retail Individual Bidders can revise or withdraw their Bids on or before the Bid/ Offer Closing Date

## **INVESTOR GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND HOW TO ACCESS IT**



**TIMELINES FOR RESOLUTION OF INVESTOR GRIEVANCES IN IPOs/FPOs)**

Sr. No	Activity	No. of calendar days
1	Investor grievance received by the lead manager	T
2	Manager to the offer to identify the concerned intermediary and it shall be endeavoured to forward the grievance to the concerned intermediary/ies on T day itself	T+1
3	The concerned intermediary/ies to respond to the lead manager with an acceptable reply / proof of resolution	X
5	Lead manager, the concerned intermediary/ies and the investor shall exchange between themselves additional information related to the grievance, wherever required	Between T and X
4	LM to reply to the investor with the reply / proof of resolution	X+3
5	Best efforts will be undertaken by lead manager to resolve the grievance within T+30	

**Nature of investor grievance for which the aforesaid timeline is applicable**

1. Delay in unblocking of funds
2. Non allotment / partial allotment of securities
3. Non receipt of securities in demat account
4. Amount blocked but application not bid
5. Application bid but amount not blocked
6. Any other nature as may be informed from time to time

**Mode of receipt of investor grievance**

The following modes of receipt will be considered valid for processing the grievances in the timelines discussed above

1. Letter from the investor addressed to the lead manager at its address mentioned in the offer document, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
2. E-mail from the investor addressed to the lead manager at its e-mail ID mentioned in the offer document, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
3. On SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES) platform.

**Nature of enquiries for which the lead manager shall respond to / escalated promptly**

1. Availability of application form
2. Availability of offer document
3. Process for participating in the issue / mode of payments
4. List of SCSBs / syndicate members
5. Date of issue opening / closing / allotment / listing
6. Technical setbacks in net-banking services provided by SCSBs / UPI mechanism
7. Any other query of similar nature

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTORS (EXPECTATIONS FROM THE INVESTORS)**

1. Read and understand the terms of offer documents, application form, and issue related literature carefully and fully before investing.
2. Consult own tax consultant with respect to the specific tax implications
3. Provide full and accurate information in the application form as maybe required while making an application and keep records of the same.
4. Ensure active demat/ broking account before investing.
5. Ensure correctness of all Demographic Details Bidder's address, name of the Bidder's father or husband, investor status, occupation, bank account details, PAN and UPI ID
6. Provide full and accurate details when making investor grievances to merchant bankers.
7. ASBA Bidders must provide either (i) the bank account details and authorisation to block funds in their respective ASBA Form, or (ii) the UPI ID (in case of retail investors), as applicable, in the relevant space provided in the ASBA Form. The ASBA Forms that do not contain such details will be rejected. Applications made by retail investors using third party bank account or using third party linked bank account UPI ID are liable for rejection.
8. ASBA Bidders shall ensure that the Bids are made on ASBA Forms bearing the stamp of the Designated Intermediary, submitted at the Bidding Centres only (except in case of electronic ASBA Forms) and the ASBA Forms not bearing such specified stamp are liable to be rejected. Retail investors using UPI Mechanism, shall submit their ASBA Forms with Syndicate Members, Registered Brokers, RTA or Depository Participants. ASBA Bidders are also required to ensure that the ASBA Account has sufficient credit balance as an amount equivalent to the full Bid Amount which can be blocked by the SCSB.

9. After the company is listed it has to keep the investors informed of material developments through its page on the stock exchange website including for corporate actions like mergers, de-mergers, splits, rights issue, bonus, dividend etc. Investors should regularly check for such information on the stock exchange website.

## **INVESTOR CHARTER- BUYBACK OF SECURITIES**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To continuously earn trust of investors and emerge as solution provider with integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Act in investors' best interests by understanding needs and developing solutions.
2. Enhance and customise value generating capabilities and services.
3. Disseminate complete information to investors to enable informed investment decision.

### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS OF THE ENTITY**

Act as Manager to the Offer of Buyback of securities.

### **SERVICES PROVIDED FOR INVESTORS**

1. Advertisement is published in one English National Daily, one Hindi National Daily and one Regional language daily, at the place where the Registered Office of the company is situated;
2. Detailed process and methodology disclosed in the:
  - a. public announcement in case of buyback through open market; and
  - b. Letter of offer along with details of buying broker through which settlement takes place;
3. Physical Shareholders can also participate in the tender offer buyback by submitting documents disclosed in the public announcement and/or letter of offer; Physical Shareholders can participate in the open market buyback after dematerialising their Shares
4. All eligible shareholders may place orders in the Acquisition Window provided by stock exchange, through their respective stock brokers;
5. Post closure, offer closing advertisement is published.

<b>A. TIMELINES - BUYBACK (OPEN MARKET)</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline for which activity takes place</b>	<b>Information where available</b>
1	Public Announcement	Within 2 WDs from Board or Shareholder's meeting in which buyback proposal is approved	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges & Company
2	Opening of offer	Within 7 WDs from PA	Website of Stock Exchanges
3	Securities bought back	Daily basis till closure of offer	Website of Stock Exchanges and Company
4	Closure of offer	Earlier of: Six months; or Total buyback size utilised; or 50% of total buyback size utilised and board of directors chooses to close	Website of Stock Exchanges
5	Acceptance of Equity Shares	Upon the relevant pay out by Stock Exchanges	Website of Stock Exchanges

6	Verification of acceptances	Within 15 days from payment date	NA
7	Extinguishment of security certificates	on or before 15th day of the succeeding month but not later than 7 days of expiry of Buyback Period	Website of Stock Exchanges and Company
8	Post Offer Advertisement	Within two working days from expiry of buyback period	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges & Company

#### **B. TIMELINES BUYBACK (TENDER METHOD)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline for which activity takes place</b>	<b>Information where available</b>
1	Public Announcement	Within 2 WDs from Board or Shareholder's meeting in which buyback proposal is approved	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges & Company
2	Dispatch of Final Letter of Offer to Shareholders	Within 5 WDs from the date of receipt of observation letter from SEBI	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges & Company
3	Opening of offer	Within 5 WDs from the date of dispatch .The offer shall be kept open for 10 WDs	Website of Stock Exchanges
4	Availability of Tender form	Till the closure of offer	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges & Company
5	Availability of material documents for inspection by Shareholders	Till the closure of offer	Address is given in the letter of offer
6	Modification/cancellation of orders and multiple bids from a single Eligible Shareholder	Till the closure of offer	NA
7	Closure of offer	10th WDs	Website of Stock Exchanges
8	Acceptance and Settlement of shares	Within 7 WDs	NA
9	Extinguishment of security certificates	Within 15 days from Acceptance date but not later than 7 days of expiry of Buyback Period	Website of Stock Exchanges

#### **RIGHTS OF INVESTORS**

1. In case of any grievances relating to the Buyback (including non - receipt of the Buyback consideration, share certificate, demat credit, etc.), the Eligible Shareholders can approach either of the Compliance Officer, Manager to the Buyback, Registrar to the Buyback for redressal thereof.
2. Shareholders have rights to inspect the material documents as listed out in the letter of offer during the tendering period.

## **DO's and DON'Ts FOR INVESTORS**

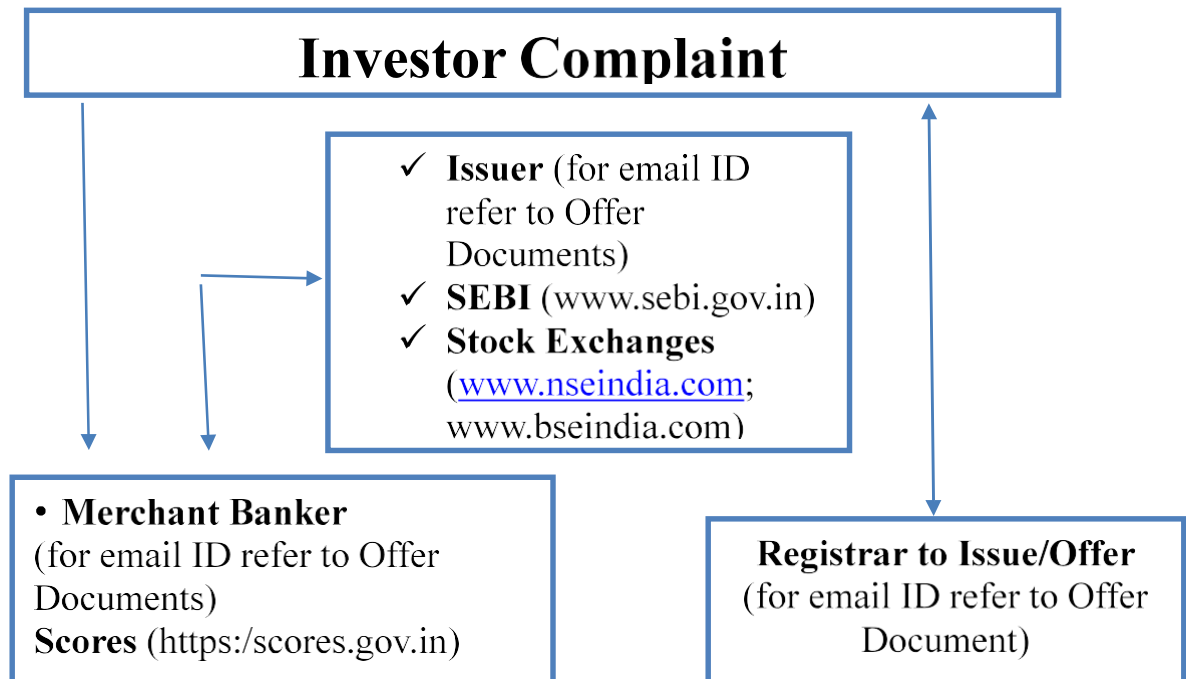
### **Dos**

1. Ensure to submit Tender Forms on time; Eligible Shareholders who desire to tender their Equity Shares in the dematerialized form under the Buyback would have to do so through their respective Seller Member by indicating to their Seller Member the details of Equity Shares they intend to tender under the Buyback.
2. Ensure the demat account and the PAN belong to the same eligible shareholder;
3. In case shares are held in physical Form, shareholder should ensure that the correct share certificates are attached along with the Tender Form
4. Ensure that the signatures registered with the Company and the signature on the Tender Form are the same.

### **Don'ts**

1. The tender form and other relevant documents should not be sent to the company or to the manager to the buyback.
2. It is not mandatory for eligible shareholders holding and tendering equity shares in demat form to submit the tender form and the Transaction Registration Slip (TRS) given by the Broker on bidding of offer
3. The Equity Shares tendered by Shareholders holding Demat Shares or Physical Shares would be liable to be rejected if the grounds mentioned in Offer Document are not complied with.

## **INVESTOR GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND HOW TO ACCESS IT**



**TIMELINES FOR RESOLUTION OF SHAREHOLDER GRIEVANCES IN BUYBACK**

Sr. No	Activity	No. of calendar days
1	Shareholder grievance received by the manager to the offer	T
2	Manager to the offer to identify the concerned intermediary and it shall be endeavoured to forward the grievance to the concerned intermediary/ies on T day itself	T+1
3	The concerned intermediary/ies to respond to the manager to the offer with an acceptable reply	X
4	Shareholder may escalate the pending grievance, if any, to the functional head / head of department of manager to the offer	T+21
5	Manager to the offer, the concerned intermediary/ies and the Shareholder shall exchange between themselves additional information related to the grievance, wherever required	Between T and X
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**Nature of shareholder grievance for which the aforesaid timeline is applicable**

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2. E-mail from the shareholder addressed to the manager to the offer at its e-mail ID mentioned in the offer document, detailing nature of grievance, details of application, details of bank account, date of application etc
3. On SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES) platform.

**Nature of enquiries for which the Manager to the offer shall endeavour to resolve such enquiries/ queries promptly during the offer period.**

1. Availability of Form of acceptance cum acknowledgement
2. Availability of offer document
3. Process for tendering of shares in the offer
4. Date of offer opening/ closing/ acceptance and settlement of shares
5. Any other query of similar nature

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTORS**

1. Shareholders should keep abreast of corporate announcement made for corporate action like takeover, buyback, dividend, bonus, splits etc.
2. For buyback through:
  - a. open market method, shareholders can refer public announcement to understand the no. of shares, quantum, objective of buyback and maximum buyback price; and
  - b. tender method, shareholders can refer public announcement and letter of offer to understand no. of shares, quantum, objective of buyback, entitlement ratio and buyback price;
3. Documents related to buyback are made available on the websites of Company, SEBI, Stock Exchange(s) and Investors should read the details carefully
4. Shareholders should read letter of offer and public announcement carefully and fully before tendering their shares including its taxation effects
5. Shareholders should ensure that their demat account is active.

## **INVESTOR CHARTER- DELISTING OF EQUITY SHARES**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To continuously earn trust of investors and emerge as solution provider with integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Act in investors' best interests by understanding needs and developing solutions.
2. Enhance and customise value generating capabilities and services.
3. Disseminate complete information to investors to enable informed investment decision.

### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS OF THE ENTITY**

Act as Managers to the Offer of Delisting of Equity Shares.

### **SERVICES PROVIDED FOR INVESTORS**

1. Public Announcement is given in English, Hindi and Regional Newspapers;
2. Letter of offer is dispatched through speed post/registered post/courier or email etc.
3. Background of Acquirer/PAC, object of the delisting, floor price, status of frequently or infrequently traded, high low prices for the last 3 years and 6 months preceding the month of Public Announcement disclosed to help shareholders make informed decision;
4. Merchant banker and the Registrar to the resolve any query in relation to non-receipt of letter of offer, tender form, process of tendering of shares for shares held in demat form vis-a-vis shares held in physical form etc.
5. Detailed process for tendering of shares and procedure for acceptance and settlement of shares is disclosed in the letter of offer;
6. Facility to check the status of shares tendered on real time basis during the tendering period on the website of stock exchange;
7. Facility for Physical Shareholders to participate in the delisting process by submitting documents disclosed in the letter of offer;
8. All eligible shareholders may place orders in the Acquisition Window provided by stock exchange, through their respective stock brokers;
9. Post closure of delisting, offer closing advertisement given in the same newspapers wherein facts of the offer whether success or failure, discovered price, date of acceptance and settlement are disclosed.

<b>TIMELINES - DELISTING</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline for which activity takes place</b>	<b>Information where available</b>
1	Shareholder's Approval	Within 45 days from obtaining approval of Board of Directors	Website of Stock Exchanges & Company
2	Detailed Public Announcement	Within 1 WD of receipt of In-Principle Approval	Website of Stock Exchanges & Company
3	Dispatch of Letter of Offer	Within 2 WDs of Public Announcement	Website of Stock Exchanges & Company

4	Offer Opening	Within 7 WDs from detailed public announcement	NA
5	Availability of letter of offer and Form of Acceptance	Till issue closure date	Website of Stock Exchanges & Company
6	Availability of material documents for inspection by Shareholders	Till issue closure date	Address given in Letter of Offer
7	Closing of the Delisting offer	On 5th WDs	Stock Exchanges website
8	Acceptance and Settlement of Shares	Within 5 WDs from post offer public announcement or through secondary market settlement mechanism as the case may be	Stock Exchanges website
9	Date of post offer advertisement	Within 2 WDs of closure of bidding period	Website of Stock Exchanges & Company
10	Dispatch of Exit letter to residual shareholders	After delisting order of stock exchange and remains valid for 1 year	Website of Company

### **RIGHTS OF INVESTORS**

1. All the Public Shareholders registered or unregistered, who own fully paid equity shares of the Company any time before the closure of the Open Offer are eligible to participate in the Open Offer.
2. Rights to inspect the material documents as listed out in the letter of offer during the tendering period.
3. Shareholders can obtain letter of offer along with tender forms from the Registrar to the offer or Manager to the offer and can also download from the website of the Stock Exchanges.

### **DO's and DON'Ts FOR INVESTORS**

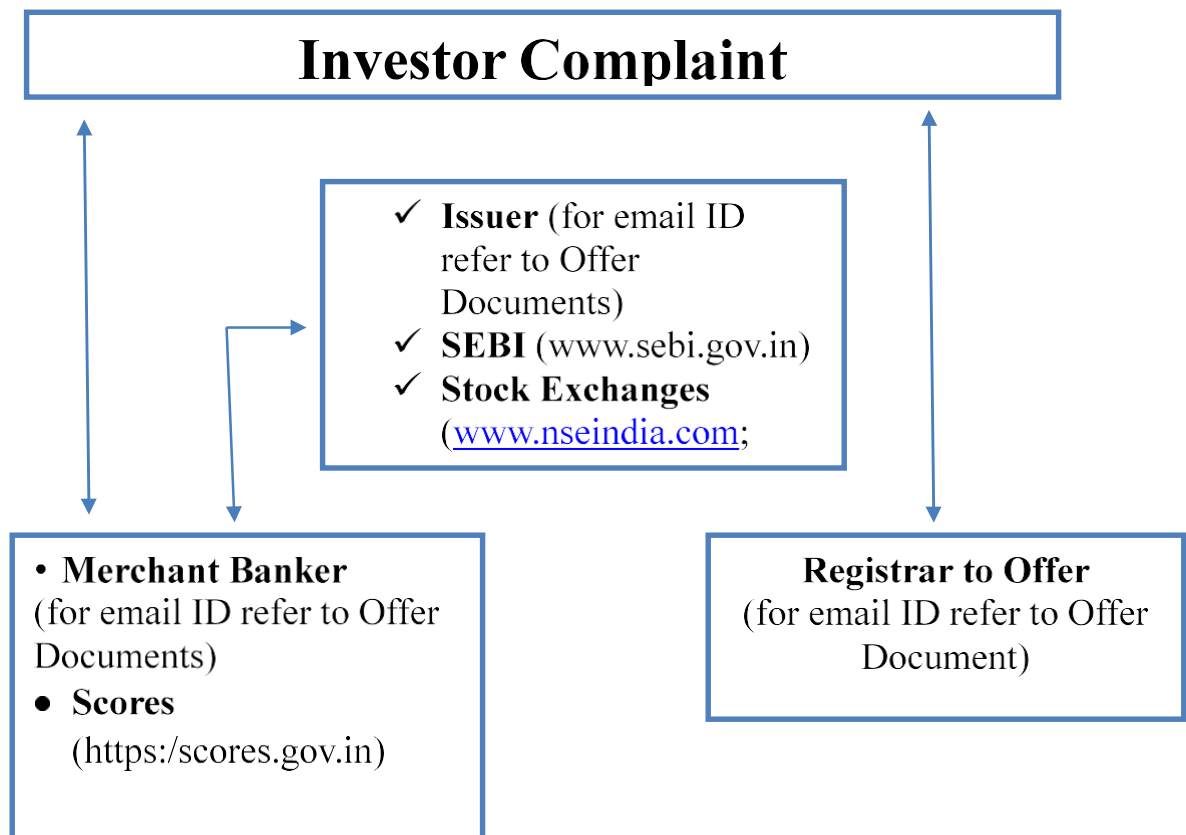
#### **Dos**

1. Ensure completed Tender Forms are submitted within the period stipulated in the Letter of Offer;
2. Ensure the demat account and the PAN belong to the same eligible shareholder;
3. In case shares are held in physical Form, shareholder should ensure that the correct share certificates are attached along with the Tender Form
4. Ensure that the signatures registered with the Company and the signature on the Tender Form are the same.
5. In case any person has submitted Equity Shares in physical form for dematerialisation, such Eligible Shareholders should ensure that the process of getting the Equity Shares dematerialised is completed well in time so that they can participate in the Offer before Offer Closing Date.

### Don'ts

1. Offer by Shareholders will be rejected if the terms and process mentioned in the Letter of Offer are not followed
2. Shareholders who are holding Physical Shares as on the Record Date should not submit incomplete Tender Form and other documents for placing their bid in demat form;
3. There should be no name mismatch in the demat account of the Eligible Shareholder and PAN; or
4. There should not be any restraint order of a Court/any other competent authority for transfer/disposal/sale
5. The title to the Equity Shares should not be under dispute and there should not be any restraint.

### INVESTOR GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND HOW TO ACCESS IT



**TIMELINES FOR RESOLUTION OF SHAREHOLDER GRIEVANCES IN DELISTING**

Sr. No	Activity	No. of calendar days
1	Shareholder grievance received by the manager to the offer	T
2	Manager to the offer to identify the concerned intermediary and it shall be endeavoured to forward the grievance to the concerned intermediary/ies on T day itself	T+1
3	The concerned intermediary/ies to respond to the manager to the offer with an acceptable reply	X
4	Shareholder may escalate the pending grievance, if any, to the functional head / head of department of manager to the offer	T+21
5	Manager to the offer, the concerned intermediary/ies and the Shareholder shall exchange between themselves additional information related to the grievance, wherever required	Between T and X
6	Manager to the offer to respond to the Shareholder with the reply	Upto X+3
7	Best efforts will be undertaken by manager to the offer to respond to the grievance within T+30	

**Nature of shareholder grievance for which the aforesaid timeline is applicable**

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3. On SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES) platform.

**Nature of enquiries for which the Manager to the offer shall endeavour to resolve such enquiries/ queries promptly during the offer period.**

1. Availability of Form of acceptance cum acknowledgement
2. Availability of offer document
3. Process for tendering of shares in the offer
4. Date of offer opening/ closing/ acceptance and settlement of shares
5. Any other query of similar nature

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTORS**

1. Shareholders should keep abreast of corporate announcement for takeover, buyback, dividend, bonus, splits etc.
2. Shareholders should read public announcement and letter of offer carefully including taxation related issues;
3. Shareholders should ensure that their demat account is active.
4. Shareholders should ensure that the bank account registered with their DP is active for receiving the payment against tendered shares on time.

## **INVESTOR CHARTER- SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To continuously earn trust of investors and emerge as solution provider with integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Act in investors' best interests by understanding needs and developing solutions.
2. Enhance and customise value generating capabilities and services.
3. Disseminate complete information to investors to enable informed investment decision.

### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS OF THE ENTITY**

Act as Managers to Offer of Takeover of existing listed Company by an acquirer

### **SERVICES PROVIDED FOR INVESTORS**

1. Letter of offer is dispatched through speed post/registered post/courier or email etc.
2. Detailed Public Statement, Offer Opening Advertisement, Independent Director's recommendation is published in the English, Hindi and Regional newspapers;
3. Background of Acquirer/PAC, object of the offer, offer price, status of frequently or infrequently traded, underlying transaction triggering open offer disclosed in the Offer Documents to enable shareholders take informed decision;
4. Merchant banker and the Registrar to the offer to help resolve any query in relation to non-receipt of letter of offer, tender form, process of tendering of shares for shares held in demat form viz-a-viz shares held in demat form etc.
5. Detailed process for tendering of shares and procedure for acceptance and settlement of shares is disclosed in the letter of offer;
6. Recommendation of independent directors of the target company published in the newspapers to enable shareholders make an informed decision;
7. Facility for Physical Shareholders to participate in the takeover process by submitting documents disclosed in the letter of offer;
8. All eligible shareholders may place orders in the Acquisition Window provided by stock exchange, through their respective stock brokers;
9. Offer closing advertisement is published in the newspapers.

<b>TIMELINES - TAKEOVER</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline for which activity takes place</b>	<b>Information where available</b>
1	Filing of Public Announcement	0	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges
2	Filing of Detailed Public Statement	Within 5 WDs of filing PA with SEBI, Stock Exchange and Target Company	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges
3	Dispatch of Letter of Offer	Within 7 working days of receipt of observation letter from SEBI	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges

4	Publication of Independent Director's recommendation	2 WDs prior to commencement of tendering period	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges
5	Offer Opening Ad	1 WDs prior to commencement of tendering period	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges
6	Offer Opens	not later than 12 WDs from the date of receipt of observation letter from SEBI	Website of Stock Exchanges
7	Availability of letter of offer and Form of Acceptance	Till offer closure date	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges
8	Availability of material documents for inspection by Shareholders	Till offer closure date	Address given in Letter of Offer
9	Closure of offer	Within 10 WDs of opening	Stock Exchanges website
10	Acceptance and Settlement of shares	Within 10 WDs of closure	Stock Exchanges website
12	Date of post offer advertisement	Within 5 WDs of payment to shareholders	Website of SEBI, Stock Exchanges

### **RIGHTS OF INVESTORS**

1. All the Public Shareholders, who own fully paid equity shares of the Target Company any time before the closure of the Open Offer are eligible to participate in the Open Offer.
2. Shareholders have rights to inspect the material documents as listed out in the letter of offer during the tendering period.
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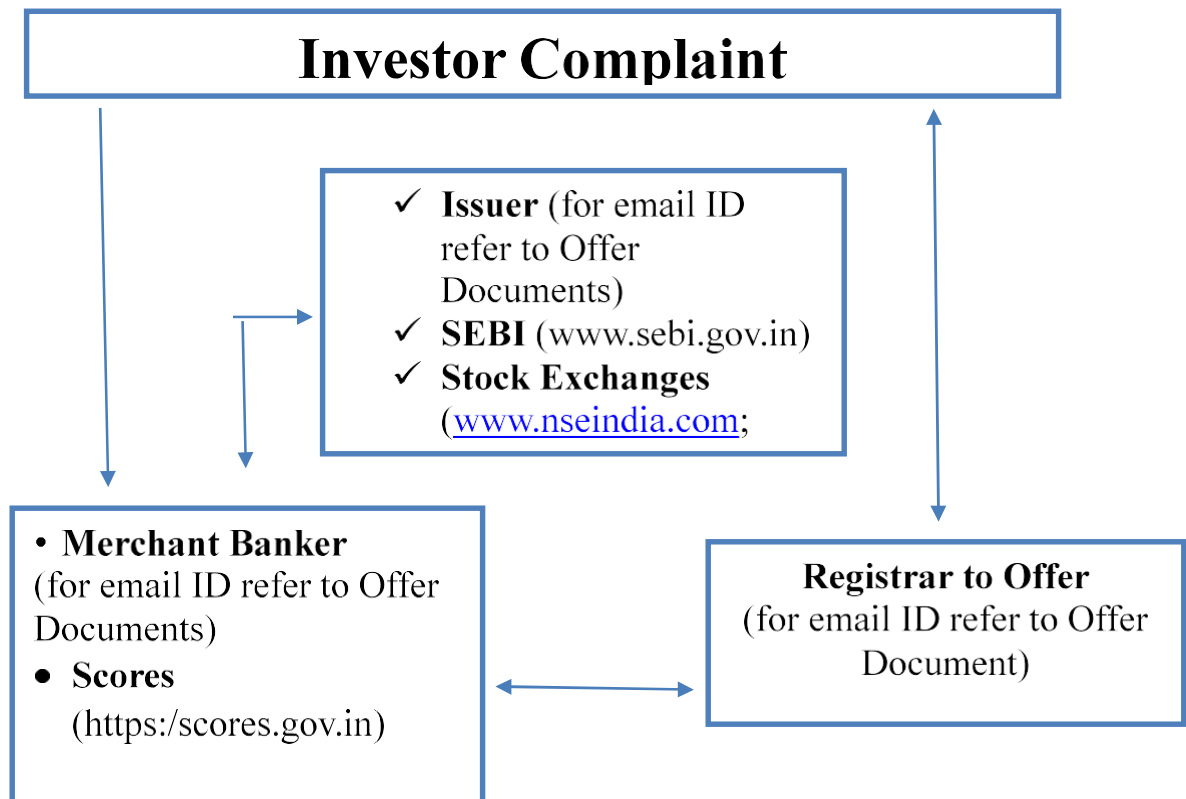
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1. Offer from shareholders will be rejected if the terms or the process mentioned in the Letter Of Offer is not followed
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**RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTORS**

1. Shareholders should read letter of offer including the Risk factors mentioned therein.
2. Shareholders can refer to the corporate announcement made by the Target Company for corporate actions.
3. Shareholders are also expected to understand tax implications arising out of proposed offer.
4. Shareholders should ensure that their demat account is active and up to date so as to tender the shares in the hassle-free manner.
5. Shareholders should ensure that the bank account registered with their Depository Participant is active for receiving the payment against tendered shares on time.