

Enhancement of Investment limit in Government Securities for Foreign Portfolio Investors

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued circular IMD/FPIC/CIR/P/2017/30 dated 3 April 2017 revising the investment limits in Government Securities.

The gist of the circular is as below:

- SEBI has decided to enhance the limits for FPI investment in Government Securities, for the April June 2017 quarter with effect from 3 April 2017, as follows:
 - > Limit for FPIs in Central Government Securities shall be revised to INR 1,849.01 billion;
 - Limit for Long Term FPIs [Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs), Multilateral Agencies, Endowment Funds, Insurance Funds, Pension Funds and Foreign Central Banks] in Central Government securities shall be enhanced to INR 460.99 billion;
 - Limit for investment by all FPIs in State Development Loans (SDLs) shall be enhanced to INR 270 billion.
- Accordingly, the revised FPI debt limits would be as follows:

| Type of Instrument | Revised Upper Cap as on 31 March, 2017 | Revised Upper Cap with effect from 03 April, 2017 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| | (INR billion) | (INR billion) |
| Government Debt (all FPIs) | 1,520 | 1,849.01 |
| Government Debt – Long Term FPIs | 680 | 460.99 |
| State Development Loans (all FPIs) | 210 | 270 |
| Total | 2,410 | 2580 |

All other existing terms and conditions, including the security-wise limits, investment of coupons being
permitted outside the limits and investments being restricted to securities with a minimum residual maturity of
three years, shall continue to apply.

This circular shall come into effect immediately.

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