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**Sub.: Submission of copy of newspaper advertisement for Postal Ballot Notice**

Dear Sir / Madam,

We wish to inform that the Bank has issued a newspaper advertisement for Postal Ballot.

Enclosing a copy of Newspaper Advertisement dated November 04, 2021, published in '**Hindu Business Line**' (*electronic editions available*). The same is being made available on the Bank's website [www.idfcfirstbank.com](http://www.idfcfirstbank.com).

Please take the above on record and acknowledge receipt of the same.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**

**Satish Gaikwad**  
*Head - Legal & Company Secretary*  
**Encl.: as above**

COP 26 SUMMIT

# Govt makes case for climate finance to attain goals, meets counterparts

Britain says it is increasing finance for poorer nations

OUR BUREAU

New Delhi, November 3  
Environment Minister Bhupinder Yadav held bilateral meetings with Ministers from countries including Scotland and the UK on Wednesday, on the sidelines of the COP 26 Climate Change Summit, highlighting India's commitment to fight climate change and stressing on the necessity of adequate finance from rich nations to attain global climate goals.

"India and the UK can play a crucial role in the fight against climate change and both countries agreed to work together to reach a transparent and inclusive negotiated climate outcome at Glasgow," Yadav tweeted following his meeting with Lord Tariq Ahmad, UK Minister for South Asia, the United Nations and the Commonwealth at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development



Climate finance cannot continue at the levels decided in 2009 and should be at least \$1 trillion, says Yadav. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Office (FCDO). The Indian Minister had pointed out, at a meeting of Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) on Tuesday, that climate finance cannot continue at the levels decided in 2009. It should be at least \$1 trillion to meet the goals of addressing climate change and there should be a system to monitor climate finance as there is for monitoring mitigation, he said. India, Brazil, South Africa and China (BASIC countries), at the beginning of the Summit, had also asked for a road-map for providing \$100

billion annual funding, promised to developing countries in 2009, for the next five years. The UK government echoed India's concerns about adequate finance at another event at the Summit.

Need for resources

UK Treasury chief Rishi Sunak assured that his government was providing fresh financing to help poorer countries deal with climate change, but he underlined that public investment alone wasn't enough. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already made significant commitments at the COP 26, earlier this week. These include achieving carbon neutrality by 2070, achieving 500 GW installed capacity through non-fossil fuel sources by 2030, fulfilling 50 per cent of its energy requirements from renewables by 2030, reducing 1 billion tonne of carbon emissions from the total projected emissions by 2030 and reducing carbon intensity by 45 per cent in its economy.

The UK called on the world's financial industry to provide resources for greener investments that would help the world meet its climate goals.

The Indian Minister also met Scotland's Minister of Economy and Finance, Kate Forbes. "On behalf of the Indian delegation, thanked the Scottish administration for holding the event so professionally and the excellent hospitality extended by the people of Scotland," Yadav tweeted.

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# 'Cap GeM transaction charges to attract traders'

Piyush Goyal urges officials to guard against cartelisation, collusion

OUR BUREAU

New Delhi, November 3  
Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has proposed that transaction charges for the GeM (Government e-Market) platform be reduced and capped to attract more traders.

Goyal also cautioned officials against cartelisation and collusion on GeM and asked them to stay alert, at a review of the functioning of GeM on Wednesday. "The Minister asked the officials to make GeM more affordable and increase the volume of business," according to an official release.

Seeking more transparency in the system, Goyal said that operations should be audited regularly to ensure that all technical and financial aspects of GeM stay strong all the time. He asked officials to make GeM more user and commerce-friendly.

What GeM does

GeM is a government-owned company set up under the aegis of the Department of Commerce providing an online platform for procurement of goods and services by Central and State government organisations.



Piyush Goyal, Commerce and Industry Minister

The Minister also sought to promote the use of AI (artificial intelligence) in the operations of GeM and simplify the system. "He said that as volume of operations grow, AI would be

needed to bring most appropriate buyers and sellers together for transactions. Use of AI would also act as a watchdog against business malpractices like collusion and cartelisation which often sneak in online business platforms," the release said.

The pilot project to integrate GeM with the Indian Railways E-Procurement System (IREPS) will be launched by next month while the process of integrating GeM with India Post and Ministry of Panchayati Raj is in progress, the GeM officials apprised the Minister.

Goyal asked GeM authorities to wrap-up the pending audit by the Directorate of Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification.

# TRAI to discuss tariffs for SMS, alerts via CAP platform

OUR BUREAU

New Delhi, November 3  
The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Wednesday released a consultation paper to discuss tariff-related issues for SMS and cell broadcast alerts disseminated through Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) platform during disasters and non-disasters. The Department of Telecom

munications (DoT) allows SMS and cell broadcast free of cost only for a definite period and for events where a specific request for free of cost messages comes from specific nodal authorities.

Specific occasions

The DoT had requested TRAI to provide tariff for SMS and Cell Broadcast alerts/messages to be disseminated by telecom

service providers (TSPs) through CAP platform during disasters/non-disasters. "However, there are occasions when the government would like to send alert messages to the public forewarning of a possible disaster or occasions where public has to be informed of special events such as holding of relief/vaccine/medical camps/specific law and order related situations," it said.

The purpose of this consultation paper is to elicit stakeholders' views on the tariff for SMS/cell broadcast disseminated by TSPs through CAP platform during disasters/non-disasters and to understand the technical aspects that might have an impact on the cost of the service. TRAI has invited written comments by December 1, and counter-comments by December 15.

# CBIC moves to empanel IRS officers for Secretary/Addl Secretary posts

Officials question the merits of such a move

SHISHIR SINHA

New Delhi, November 3  
The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) has invited applications from Group 'A' officers belonging to the Indian Revenue Service - Custom & Indirect Taxes (IRS-C&IT) for appointment at the level of Secretary & Additional Secretary in the Government of India.

Usually, officers from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) get the position of Secretary to the Government of India. However, there are number of other positions in the Central government where officers are appointed with pay and perks of Secretary, Secretary Equivalent or

even as Special Secretary.

However, eligible officials do not seem to be very excited about the present move and do not see much merit in this exercise. One such officer said IAS officers belonging to the 1990 and 1991 batch had already been empanelled as Secretary and Additional Secretary respectively.

"The 1989 batch of IAS is already posted as Secretary. For other services you are making them eligible for Additional Secretary now," he said pointing out the difference in treatment.

Questions raised

Another officer too raised the issue of posting. "When you are already empanelled as Joint Secretary (JS) and Additional Secretary (AS) and not suitably posted, then how is this exercise going to benefit you?" he asked.

Empanelment in 2021							
Secretary & Secretary Equivalent				Additional Secretary			
Date	Service	Batch	No	Date	Service	Batch	No
Oct 23, 2021	IAS	1990	27	Oct 6, 2021	IAS	1993	42
						1994	
						1995	
Oct 6, 2021	IAS	1985	12	Jul 6, 2021	IAS	1991	15
						1992	
						1993	
						1994	
Feb 11, 2021	IAS	1987	40	Feb 6, 2021	IPoS IPS,	1987	14
						IIS,	
						1988	
						1989	
Feb 5, 2021	IDAS, IFS, IRAS	1986	3	Jan 13, 2021	IAS	1988	10
						1989	
						1990	

Source: DoPT

This is the second invitation for the positions since July. While the first one was for the 1988 batch (Secretary) and 1994 batch (Additional Secretary) officers, the second one is for 1989 batch (Secretary) and 1995 (Additional Secretary) batch officers. According to a communication by the CBIC dated November 2, for Secretary level empanelment, there are two eligibility criteria - a minimum of 30 years services in Group A and minimum of 2 years' services in a post in the Level 15 of pay matrix (₹1.82 lakh to ₹2.24 lakh) or more. Apart from these, there are other criteria for consideration. The year of examination (for the applicant) should not be later than 1989 (1988 batch), the applicant should have been empanelled at the Additional Secretary level and should also have had at least 3 years experience under the Central Staffing Scheme at the level of Deputy Secretary and above. The officer concerned should have at least one year's residual service.

Criteria for Addl Secy For Additional Secretary

# Refrain from routinely appealing against arbitration: Centre

Success rate of appeals against arbitration awards to be monitored

P MANOJ

Mumbai, November 3  
The Centre has instructed public authorities to refrain from "routinely" appealing against arbitration/court awards relating to disputes involving publicly funded projects, unless there is a compelling case to do so, including realistic probability of success in the court/higher court.

"In cases where there is a decision against Government/Public Sector Enterprise (PSE), the decision to appeal should not be taken in a routine manner, but only when the case genuinely merits going for the appeal and there are high chances of winning in the court/higher court," said the new General Instructions on Procurement and Project Management issued by the government on October 29.



"There is a perception that such appeals are sometimes resorted to postpone the problem and defer personal accountability. Casual appealing

in arbitration/court cases has resulted in payment of heavy damages/compensation/additional interest cost, thereby causing more harm to the exchequer, in addition to tarnishing the image of the government," it said.

Due consideration

The procuring entity should monitor the success rate of appealing against arbitration awards.

There should be a clear delegation to empower officials to accept arbitration/court orders. A special board/committee may be set up to review the case before an appeal is filed against an order.

"The board/committee or other authority deciding on the matter shall clarify that it

has considered both legal merits and the practical chances of success and after considering the cost of, and arising through, litigation/appeal/further litigation, as the case may be, it is satisfied that such litigation/appeal/further litigation is likely to be financially beneficial compared to accepting the arbitration/court award," the General Instructions said.

According to the government, statistics have shown that in cases where the arbitration award is challenged, a large majority of cases are decided in favour of the contractor. "In such cases, the amount becomes payable with interest, at a rate which is often far higher than the government's cost of funds. This results in huge financial losses to the government. Hence, in aggregate, it is in public interest to take the risk of paying a substantial part of the award amount subject to the result of the litigation, even if in some rare cases of insolvency etc. recovery of the amount in case of success may become difficult," it said.

During operation of contracts, issues and disputes arising due to lack of clarity in the contract become the root cause for litigation.

"Litigation has adverse implications on the timelines and overall cost of the project. Before resorting to arbitration/litigation, the parties may opt for mutual discussion, mediation, and conciliation for the resolution of disputes," it added.

# UGRO Capital Q2 net profit down 80%

OUR BUREAU

Mumbai, November 3  
UGRO Capital reported an 80 per cent drop in its net profit for the second quarter of the fiscal at ₹3.37 crore compared to ₹17.17 crore in the same period last fiscal.

For the quarter-ended September, its total revenue jumped by 80.1 per cent to ₹62.7 crore from ₹34.82 crore a year ago. However, total expenses also shot up by 80.1 per cent on a year-on-year basis to ₹57.98 crore in the second quarter of the fiscal. Net interest income for the second quarter increased by 53 per cent to ₹31.7 crore compared to ₹20.7 crore in the second quarter of last fiscal.

# RBI to find model flaws in climate-based financial risk

OUR BUREAU

Mumbai, November 3  
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday published its 'Statement of Commitment to Support Greening India's Financial System-Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)' whereby it will explore how climate scenario exercises can be used to identify vulnerabilities in supervised entities' (SEs) balance sheets and integrate climate-related risks into financial stability monitoring.

Greening India's Financial System-NGFS, the RBI said it will build awareness about climate-related risks among regulated financial institutions and spread knowledge about issues relating to climate change and methods to deal with them accordingly.

The central bank's commitment takes into account national commitments, priorities and complexity of the financial system.

Identifying vulnerabilities The central bank will also identify vulnerabilities in SEs' business models and gaps in capabilities for measuring and managing climate-related financial risks.

As part of its Statement of Commitment to Support

RBI COMMITTEE

# 'Performance of ARCs in management of stressed assets of banks, FIs still uneven'

OUR BUREAU

Mumbai, November 3  
The performance of asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) in management of stressed assets of banks/financial institutions (FIs) since inception in 2003 is still uneven on several parameters, according to a Reserve Bank of India Committee report on the functioning of asset reconstruction companies.

Recovery

Overall recovery made by the ARC sector during FY04-FY13 was 68.6 per cent when measured in terms of redemption of Security Receipts (SRs) which are issued by ARCs as part of securitisation of assets acquired, as a percentage of total SRs issued, the report said. However, the same comes down to 14.29 per cent when the redemption is measured in terms of the book value of the assets acquired.

This implies that banks and other investors could recover only about 14 per cent of the amount owed by their borrowers," the committee headed by Sudarshan Sen, former Executive Director, RBI, said.

The total SRs issued reflects the cost of acquisition for the ARCs vis-à-vis the book value of such financial assets. Redemption of SRs is a proxy for the amount recovered from these accounts.

ARCs are required to resolve the assets within a maximum of eight years of acquisition of financial assets and redeem the SRs representing the assets. Therefore, the period after FY13 has SRs for which resolution is still underway.

The committee observed that ARCs' performance in ensuring revival of businesses has also been poor. The data indicate that approximately 80 per cent of the recovery for the sector, so far, has come through deployment of methods of reconstruction that do not necessarily lead to revival of business.

"ARCs have rarely used methods such as change in or takeover of the management of the business of the borrower or conversion of debt into equity in a borrower's company," the panel said.

Rescheduling of payment of debts was also involved only in 19.9 per cent of the recovery made by ARCs.

The committee stated, "The overall performance of ARC sector has left much to be desired. However, it would be incorrect to

assume that the problems of ARC sector are entirely of its own making. In fact, the ageing of NPAs before their sale may be contributing to poor recovery. This gets further aggravated by lack of debt aggregation."

Inadequate capital

Revival of stressed business typically requires additional funding which is difficult to come by for old NPAs.

"Inadequate capital at ARC level and the regulatory prescription limiting the extent of funds that could be raised, from external investors through securitisation, seems to have made ARCs' attempt at revival of businesses even more difficult. ARCs' lack of skill sets in turning around borrowers cannot be ignored," the committee said.

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**NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to and in compliance with Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") and Rule 20 & 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ("SS-2"), read with General Circulars No.14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, No. 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020 and No. 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs of India (the "MCA Circulars") (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force) and all other applicable laws and regulations, if any, the approval of the Members of **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited** (the "Bank") is being sought for the following ordinary resolution as mentioned in the Postal Ballot Notice dated October 30, 2021 ("Notice"), through remote electronic voting ("E-voting") only.

Item No.	Brief description of the Resolution
1	To approve appointment and remuneration of Mr. Sanjeeb Chaudhuri as Part-Time Non-Executive Chairperson (Independent) of the Bank

Pursuant to MCA Circulars, the Bank has dispatched Postal Ballot Notice on Wednesday, November 03, 2021, electronically to all the Members of the Bank, who have registered their e-mail addresses with the Depositories through the concerned Depository Participants and/or with the Bank's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent ("RTA") i.e. KFin Technologies Private Limited ("KFin") as on cut-off date i.e. **Friday, October 29, 2021**.

Postal Ballot Notice, together with Explanatory statement and instructions for E-voting is available on website of the Bank www.idfcfirstbank.com, on the website of RTA viz. KFin: https://evoting.kfintech.com and at relevant sections of the websites of the Stock Exchanges on which the shares of the Bank are listed i.e. BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE").

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the guidelines and requirements of the MCA Circulars, kindly note that no hard copy of Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot Forms and pre-paid business envelope will be sent to the Members and Members are required to communicate their assent or dissent through "E-voting" system only.

Members whose names appear on the Register of Members/list of Beneficial Owners as on **Friday, October 29, 2021**, will be considered for the purpose of E-voting and the voting rights shall be reckoned on the paid-up Equity Share registered in the name of the Members as on that date. A person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date shall treat this Notice for information purposes only.

The Bank has engaged the services of KFin for providing E-voting facility to all its members. Members are requested to note the following:

Commencement of E-voting:	9:00 a.m. IST on Thursday, November 04, 2021
End of E-voting:	5:00 p.m. IST on Friday, December 03, 2021

Once vote on a resolution is cast by the member, he/she shall not be allowed to change it subsequently or cast the vote again. The members are requested to note that E-voting shall not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date & time and the E-voting module shall be forthwith disabled upon expiry of the aforesaid period. Please read the instructions given in the attached Postal Ballot Notice carefully before exercising the vote.

The Bank has made temporary arrangements for registration of e-mail addresses and receipt of User ID & Password for the members whose e-mail addresses are not registered with the Depositories or with KFin. For detailed information in relation to e-mail registration and E-voting, you may refer to the Notes of E-voting instruction provided in Postal Ballot Notice. The members can access the said facility by visiting the link https://ris.kfintech.com/clientservices/postalballot/registration.aspx and follow the process mentioned therein.

The Board of Directors of the Bank has appointed Ms. Manisha Maheshwari, Practising Company Secretary [Membership No. ACS 30224 and CP- 11031] of M/s. Bhandari & Associates, Company Secretaries, as Scrutinizer to scrutinize the Remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. In case of any failure/inability to scrutinize E-voting by Ms. Manisha Maheshwari, Mr. S. N. Bhandari, Practising Company Secretary [Membership No. FCS. 761 and CP 366] of M/s. Bhandari & Associates, Company Secretaries shall alternate Scrutinizer to her.

Results of the Postal Ballot shall be declared on or before **Tuesday, December 07, 2021** and shall also be posted on the Bank's website: www.idfcfirstbank.com & on the KFin's https://evoting.kfintech.com, besides being communicated to the Stock Exchanges where the Bank's shares are listed. The Bank shall display the results of the Postal Ballot at its Corporate Office and Registered Office.

In case of any queries/grievances, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting user manual available at the "download" section of https://evoting.kfintech.com or call KFin on 1800 309 4001 (toll free).

**By order of the Board of Directors  
For IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**

Place: Mumbai	Sd/-
Date: November 03, 2021	Head - Legal & Company Secretary

**Satish Gaikwad**