

Regulatory Alert
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1. Timelines for deployment of funds collected by Asset Management Companies (AMCs) in New Fund Offer (NFO) as per asset allocation of the scheme

With an objective to encourage AMCs to collect only as much funds in NFOs as can be deployed in a reasonable period of time and to discourage any mis-selling of NFOs of the mutual fund schemes, certain amendments to SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 ('MF Regulations') were carried out and notified through the notification dated February 14, 2025. The said amendments shall be applicable from April 01, 2025. For more details, [click here](#).

2. Regulatory framework for Specialized Investment Funds ('SIF')

SEBI has introduced a comprehensive framework for the Specialized Investment Fund (SIF) which is a flexible investment option between Mutual Fund and PMS. For more details, [click here](#).

3. Amendments and clarifications to Circular dated January 10, 2025 on Revise and Revamp Nomination Facilities in the Indian Securities Market

SEBI has provided clarification regarding various clauses of the circular EBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE_IAD-3/P/ON/2025/01650 dated January 10, 2025 revising the norms for nomination for demat accounts and mutual fund (MF) folios in the Indian securities market. For more details, [click here](#).

4. Faster Rights Issue with a flexibility of allotment to specific investor(s)

SEBI has partially amended the SEBI Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements Regulations and introduced a new framework for Rights Issue process. Accordingly, it has specified that Rights Issues shall be completed within 23 working days from the date of Board of Directors of the Issuer approving the Rights Issue and must be open for minimum of 7 days and a maximum of 30 days. For more details, [click here](#).

5. Framework on Social Stock Exchange (SSE)

SEBI has revised the minimum application size for subscribing to Zero Coupon Zero Principal Instruments from Rs. 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) to a lower amount i.e., Rs. 1,000 (Rupees one thousand only). For more details, [click here](#)

6. Harnessing Digi Locker as a Digital Public Infrastructure for reducing Unclaimed Assets in the Indian Securities Market

In line with its core mandate of investor protection and safeguarding investor interests, SEBI has directed its efforts towards minimising the creation of Unclaimed Assets (UA) in the securities market. To address the issue of creation of Unclaimed Assets (UA) in the Indian securities market, SEBI has taken several measures such as: a) stipulation of norms for

inactive / dormant accounts and folios; b) mandating furnishing of contact and bank details by investors; and c) mandating investors to either provide nomination or expressly opt-out from making a nomination. Further, to combat the issue of UA, SEBI has proposed to harness the prowess of digital public infrastructure (specifically Digital Locker mechanism i.e. 'Digi Locker') and of the KRAs registered with the boards. For more details, [click here](#)

7. Disclosure of holding of specified securities in dematerialized form

SEBI has partially modified the Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD2/CIR/P/0155 dated November 11, 2024 prescribing formats for disclosure of holding of specified securities and shareholding pattern. For more details, [click here](#)

8. Facilitating ease of doing business relating to the framework on "Alignment of interest of the Designated Employees of the Asset Management Company (AMC) with the interest of the unitholders

SEBI has modified the Mutual Fund Regulations regarding regulatory framework relating to 'Alignment of interest of the Designated Employees of the AMCs with the interest of the unitholders. For more details, [click here](#)

9. Regarding Timely and Quality Resolution of Grievances received under Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) Portal

PFRDA is registered in CPGRAMS portal as a subordinate organisation under DFS (pension reforms) and is responsible for ensuring the redressal of grievances related to the National Pension Scheme (NPS) and Atal Pension Yajna (APY) received through the CPGRAMS portal. This portal is a platform for lodging grievances related to public service delivery monitored by the Government of India and the timeline for resolution of grievances on this portal is 21 days. For more details, [click here](#).

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- NISM-Series-V-B: Mutual Fund Foundation Certification Examination
- NISM Series VI: Depository Operations Certification Examination
- NISM Series- XVII: Retirement Adviser
- NISM Series XIX-A: Alternative Investment Funds (Category I and II) Distributor
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- NISM Series XIX-C: Alternative Investment Fund Managers
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