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**RBI relaxes norms for Investment by Foreign Portfolio Investors in Debt – FPI in Government Securities and Corporate Bonds made between July 8, 2022 and October 31, 2022 shall be exempted from the limit of 30% of the total investment of that FPI in any category on short term investments till maturity or sale of investments by FPI in Government Securities and Corporate Bonds.**

RBI has now decided that investments by FPIs in government securities and corporate bonds made between July 8, 2022, and October 31, 2022 (both dates included) shall be exempted from the limit on short term investments from the limit on short – term investments till maturity or sale of such investments.

**RBI relaxes provisions for overseas investments in the debt market and foreign currency lending by banks**

- Banks can utilise the funds raised from overseas foreign currency borrowing between July 8 and October 31, 2022 for lending in foreign currency to constituents in India, as per the notification on 'Overseas foreign currency borrowing of Authorised Dealer Category-I banks.
- Further, FPIs will be provided with a limited window till October 31, 2022, during which they can invest in corporate money market instruments like commercial paper and non-convertible debentures with an original maturity of up to one year.

**RBI allows International Trade Settlement in Indian Rupees (INR)**

- RBI allows an additional arrangement for invoicing, payment and settlement of exports / imports in INR, in order to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of global trading community in INR.
- Prior to placing this mechanism, AD Banks shall require approval from Foreign Exchange Department of RBI.
- Framework for cross border transactions in INR under FEMA
  - a) Invoicing – All exports and imports under this arrangement may be denominated and invoiced in Rupee (INR)
  - b) Exchange Rate – Exchange rate between the currencies of the two trading partner countries may be market determined
  - c) Settlement – The settlement of trade transactions under this arrangement shall take place in INR in accordance with the procedure as laid down.

**SEBI directs Qualified Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents' (QRTAs) to report Cyber-attacks, threats and cyber-incidents**

- All Cyber-attacks, threats, cyber incidents and breaches experienced by QRTAs shall be reported to SEBI within 6 hours of noticing / detecting such incidents or being brought to notice about such incidents.
- Quarterly reports containing information on cyber-attacks, threats, cyber incidents and breaches experienced by QRTAs and measures taken to mitigate vulnerabilities, threats and attacks including information on bugs / vulnerabilities / threats that may be useful for other QRTAs shall be submitted to SEBI within 15 days from the quarter ended June, September, December and March of every year.

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**CBIC issues clarification on various issues pertaining to GST**

- It is clarified that Schedule III to the CGST Act provides that “services by an employee to the employer in the course of or in relation to his employment” will not be considered as supply of goods or services and hence GST is not applicable on services rendered by an employee to employer-provided they are in the course of or in relation to employment.
- It is also clarified that any payment towards output tax, whether self-assessed in the return or payable as a consequence of any proceeding instituted under the provisions of GST Laws, can be made by utilization of the amount available in the electronic credit ledger of a registered person

OTHER

**FCRA : Disclosure not required for Receipts from Relatives abroad Upto INR 10 Lakhs Per year**

Any person receiving a foreign contribution in excess of 10 lakhs or equivalent thereto in a financial year from any of his relatives shall inform the Central government (details of funds) within three months from the receipt of such contribution.