

CS EXECUTIVE MODULE - 1

COMPANY LAW

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CONCEPT OF CAPITAL AND FINANCING OF COMPANIES

EQUITY SHARES WITH DIFFERENTIAL VOTING RIGHTS

Before Amendment (Earlier)

While Section 43 enables companies to issue a variety of equity shares with differential rights etc.

Rule 4 of Companies (ShareCapital and Debentures)Rules,2014states the following conditionsregarding issue of shares with differentialvoting rights by co. Limited by shares;-

- (a) The articles of association of the company authorizes the issue of shares with differential rights;
- (b) The issue of shares is authorized by an ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting of the shareholders: (postal ballot in case of listed co).
- (c) the shares with differential rights shall not exceed twenty-six percent of the total <u>post-issue paid up equity share</u> <u>capital</u> including equity shares with differential rights issued at any point of time;
- (d) the company having consistent track record of distributable profits for the last three years;
- (e) the company has not defaulted in filing financial statements **and** annual returns for three financial years immediately preceding the financial year in which it is decided to issue such shares;
- (f) the company has no subsisting default in the payment of a declared dividend to its shareholders or repayment of its matured deposits or redemption of its preference shares or debentures.
- (g) the company has not defaulted in

<u>After Amendment (Now)</u>

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- (c) the voting power in respect of shares with differential rights of the company shall not exceed seventy four per cent. of total voting power including voting power in respect of equity shares with differential rights issued at any point of time

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become repayable or interest payable
thereon or dues with respect to
statutory payments relating to its
employees to any authority or default
in crediting the amount in Investor
Education and Protection Fund to
the Central Government;
the Contrar Government,

(h) the company has not been penalized by Court or Tribunal during the last three years of any offence under the RBI (g) Act, 1934, the SEBI Act, 1992, the SCR Act, 1956, the FEMA, 1999 or any other special Act, under which such companies being regulated by sectoral regulators.

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DEBENTURES

KINDS OF DEBENTURE

Before Amendment (Earlier)	After Amendment (Now)
Debentures may be of various types, namely:	Debentures may be of various types, namely:
Naked or unsecured debentures:	Naked or unsecured debentures:
Debentures of this kind do not carry any charge on the assets of the company. The holders of such debentures do not therefore have the right to attach particular property by way of security as to repayment of principal or interest.	Debentures of this kind do not carry any charge on the assets of the company. The holders of such debentures do not therefore have the right to attach particular property by way of security as to repayment of principal or interest.
Secured debentures:	Secured debentures:
Debentures that are secured by a mortgage of the whole or part of the assets of the company are called mortgage debentures or secured debentures. A company shall not issue secured debentures, unless it complies with the following conditions,	Debentures that are secured by a mortgage of the whole or part of the assets of the company are called mortgage debentures or secured debentures. RULE 18 A company shall not issue secured debentures,
<u>namely:-</u>	unless it complies with the following conditions,
 exceed ten years from the date of issue. However, a company engaged in the setting up of infrastructure projects may issue secured debentures for a period exceeding ten years but not exceeding thirty years; (b) such an issue of debentures shall be secured by the creation of a charge on the assets of the company, by way of either mortgage or hypothecation only, having a value which is sufficient for the due repayment of the amount of debentures and interest thereon; "Provided further that in the case of any issue of debenture by a government company which is fully secured by the guarantee given by the central government or one or more state government or by statutory body, the requirement for creation of charge shall not apply. Provided also that in case of any loan taken by 	 namely:- (a) An issue of secured debentures may be made, provided the date of its redemption shall not exceed ten years from the date of issue. However, a company engaged in the setting up of infrastructure projects may issue secured debentures for a period exceeding ten years but not exceeding thirty years; (b) such an issue of debentures shall be secured by the creation of a charge on the assets of the company, by way of either mortgage or hypothecation only, having a value which is sufficient for the due repayment of the amount of debentures and interest thereon; "Provided further that in the case of any issue of debenture by a government company which is fully secured by the guarantee given by the central government or one or more state government or by statutory body, the requirement for creation of charge shall not apply.
subsidiary company from any bank or financial institution, the charge or the mortgage may also be created on the properties	Provided also that in case of any loan taken by subsidiary company from any bank or financial institution, the charge or the



or asset of the holding company.

- (c) the company shall appoint a debenture trustee before the issue of prospectus or letter of offer for subscription of its debentures; and
- (d) the company shall execute a debenture trust deed in <u>Form No. SH.12</u> or as near thereto as possible, within sixty days from the date of allotment of the debentures

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-Before Amendment (Earlier)-

CREATION OF DEBENTURE REDEMPTION RESERVE (DRR)

According to section 71, the company shall create a Debenture Redemption Reserve for the purpose of redemption of debentures, in accordance with the conditions given below:-

- (a) The Debenture Redemption Reserve shall be created out of the **profits** of the company available for payment of dividend;
- (b) The company shall create Debenture Redemption Reserve equivalent to at least **twenty five percent** of the amount raised through the debenture issue **before debenture redemption commences**.

INVESTMENT IN DRR

- (a) Every company required to create Debenture Redemption Reserve shall on or before the 30th day of April in each year, <u>invest or deposit</u>, as the case may be, a sum which shall not be less than fifteen percent, of the amount of itsdebentures maturing during the year ending on <u>the 31st day of March</u> of the next year, in any one or more of the following methods, namely:-
 - (i) in deposits with any scheduled bank, free from any charge or lien;
 - (ii) in unencumbered securities of the Central Government or of any State Government;
 - (iii) in unencumbered securities/bonds mentioned in Indian Trusts Act, 1882;
- (b) The amount remaining invested or deposited, as the case may be, shall not at any time fall below fifteen percent of the amount of the debentures maturing during the year ending on the 31st day of March of that year;
- (c) In case of partly convertible debentures, Debenture Redemption Reserve shall be created in respect of non-convertible portion of debenture issue in accordance with this sub-rule.
- (d) The amount credited to the Debenture Redemption Reserve shall not be utilised by the company except for the purpose of redemption of debentures.



-After Amendment (Now)-

INSPECTION OF TRUST DEED BY DEBENTURE HOLDERS

Any member or debentureolder of the company may inspect the debenture trust deed and take the extracts thereof, during business hours being not less than two hours on every working day, without any fees.

Further, a copy of the trust deed shall be forwarded to every member or debentureolder of the company, at his request, within 7 days of the making of the request, on payment of such fee as may be specified in the articles of association of the company but <u>not exceeding</u>en rupees for each page.

CREATION OF DEBENTURE REDEMPTION RESERVE (DRR)

<u>the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Amendment Rules, 2019. Rule 18(7)</u>



and investmer	pany shall comply with the requirements with regard to Debenture Redemption Reserve (DRR) nt or deposit of sum in respect of debentures maturing during the year ending on the 31 st day of t year, in accordance with the conditions given below:-
(a) Debentu dividend	re Redemption Reserve shall be created out of profits of the company available for payment of d;
	ts with respect to adequacy of Debenture Redemption Reserve and investment or deposits, as may be, shall be as under;-
L L	Debenture Redemption Reserve is not required for debentures issued by All India Financial nstitutions regulated by Reserve Bank of India and Banking Companies for both public as well s privately placed debentures;
A	or other Financial Institutions within the meaning of clause (72) of section 2 of the Companies act, 2013, Debenture Redemption Reserve shall be as applicable to Non –Banking Finance companies registered with Reserve Bank of India.
st	or listed companies (other than All India Financial Institutions and Banking Companies as pecified in sub-clause (i)), Debenture Redemption Reserve is not required in the following ases -
A. B.	 case of public issue of debentures – for NBFCs registered with Reserve Bank of India under section 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934 and for Housing Finance Companies registered with National Housing Bank; for other listed companies;
- (B) in (case of privately placed debentures, for companies specified in sub-items A and B.
	or unlisted companies, (other than All India Financial Institutions and Banking Companies s specified in sub-clause (i)) -
- for H	BFCs registered with RBI under section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and ousing Finance Companies registered with National Housing Bank, Debenture Redemption rve is not required in case of privately placed debentures.
	ther unlisted companies, the adequacy of Debenture Redemption Reserve shall be ten nt. of the value of the outstanding debentures;
	In case a company is covered in item (A) or item (B) of sub-clause (iii) of clause (b) or item (B) of sub-clause (iv) of clause (b), it shall on or before the 30^{th} day of April in each year, in respect of debentures issued by a company covered in item (A) or item (B) of sub- clause (iii) of clause (b) or item (B) of sub-clause (iv) of clause (b), invest or deposit, as the case may be, a sum which shall not be less than fifteen per cent., of the amount of its debentures maturing during the year, ending on the 31^{st} day of March of the next year in any one or more methods of investments or deposits as provided in sub-clause (vi):
	hat the amount remaining invested or deposited, as the case may be, shall not at any time fifteen percent. of the amount of the debentures maturing during the year ending on 31 st day of that year.
(vi) for th as follows:	e purpose of sub-clause (v), the methods of deposits or investments, as the case may be, are
(A)	in deposits with any scheduled bank, free from any charge or lien;
	in unencumbered securities of the Central Government or any State Government;
	in unencumbered securities mentioned in sub-clause (a) to (d) and (ee) of section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882;
	in unencumbered bonds issued by any other company which is notified under sub-clause (f) of section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882:

<u>Interpretation;-</u>

According to section 71 and Rule 18(7), the company shall create a Debenture Redemption Reserve for the purpose of redemption of debentures, in accordance with the conditions given below:-

Debenture Redemption Reserve is not required to be created;-

Institutions	Need to comply
All India Financial Institutions (Listed /	Reserve Bank of India
Unlisted)	
Banking Companies(Listed / Unlisted)	Reserve Bank of India
other Financial Institutions	Reserve Bank of India
(Listed / Unlisted)	
Listed companies	SEBI
NBFCs(Listed / Unlisted)	Reserve Bank of India
Housing Finance Companies	National housing bank
(Listed / Unlisted)	



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(e) Every company not required to create Debenture Redemption Reserve shall on or before the 30th day of April in each year, invest or deposit, as the case may be, a sum which shall not be less than fifteen percent, of the amount of its debentures maturing during the year ending on the 31st day of March of the next year, in any one or more of the following methods, namely:-

(A)in deposits with any scheduled bank, free from any charge or lien;

(B)in unencumbered securities of the Central Government or any State Government;

(C)in unencumbered securities mentioned in sub-clause (a) to (d) and (ee) of section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882;

(D)in unencumbered bonds issued by any other company which is notified under sub-clause (f) of section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882:

(f) The amount remaining invested or deposited, as the case may be, shall not at any time fall below **fifteen percent of the amount of the debentures** maturing during the year ending on the 31st day of March of that year;

Debenture Redemption Reserve is required to be created as follows;-

- (a) *for other unlisted companies*, the adequacy of Debenture Redemption Reserve shall be ten percent. of the value of the outstanding debentures;
- (b) The Debenture Redemption Reserve shall be created out of the **profits** of the company available for payment of dividend;
- (g) In case of **partly convertible debentures**, Debenture Redemption Reserve shall be created in respect of **non-convertible portion** of debenture issue in accordance with this sub-rule.
- (h) The amount credited to the Debenture Redemption Reserve shall not be utilised by the company except for the purpose of redemption of debentures.



ACCOUNTS

FILING OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH REGISTRAR

Before Amendment (Earlier)

After Amendment (Now)

SECTION 137

Section 137 requires every company shall file the financial statements with Registrar together with financial statement, if any, with Form <u>AOC-4 CFS</u> within 30 days from the day on which the annual general meeting held and adopted the financial statements.

The **one Person company** shall file the copy of financial statements duly adopted by its member within a period of <u>one hundred and eighty days</u> from the closure of financial year.

If the financial statements are not adopted at the annual general meeting or adjourned annual general meeting, such unadopted financial statements along with the required documents shall be field with the Registrar within thirty days of the date of annual general meeting. The Registrar shall take them in his record as provisional, until the adoption of accounts at annual general meeting.

If annual general meeting has not been held, the financial statement duly signed along with the statement of facts and reasons for not holding the annual general meeting shall be filled with the Registrar within 30 days of the last day before which the annual general meeting should have been held.

Filing in respect of foreign subsidiary

In the case of a subsidiary which has been incorporated outside India (herein referred to as "foreign subsidiary"), which is not required to get its financial statement audited under any law of the country of its incorporation and which does not get such financial statement audited, the requirements of the fourth proviso shall be met if the holding Indian company files such unaudited financial statement along with a declaration to this effect and where such financial statement is in a language other than English, along with a

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	Rule 1A
	Every Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) that is required to comply with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) shallfile the financial statements with Registrar together with Form AOC-4 NBFC (Ind AS) and the consolidated financial statement, if any, with Form AOC-4 CFS NBFC (Ind AS).





DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS

INVESTOR EDUCATION & PROTECTION FUND (IEPF)

Before Amendment (Earlier) SECTION 125 **SECTION 125** Investor Education a Protection Fund The Central Government has established a Fund known as 'Investor Education & Protection Fund' under Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013. **INVESTOR EDUCATION AND PROVIDENT FUND (ACCOUNTING,** AUDIT, TRANSFER AND REFUND) **RULES, 2016** Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority ("Authority") shall administer the IEPF. The Authority shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid having perpetual succession and a

common seal with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and to contract and shall, by the said name, sue or be sued."

Following amounts shall be credited to IEPF :-

- (a) Unpaid Dividend;
- (b) Unpaid application money received by companies for allotment of securities and due for refund;
- (c) Unpaid matured deposits;
- (d) Unpaid matured debentures;
- (e) Interest accrued on (a) to (d) above;
- (f) Grants and donations given to IEPF by the C/G, S/Gs, companies or any other institutions for the purposes of IEPF;
- (g) Interest or other income received out of the investments made from the IEPF;

sale proceeds of fractional shares arising out of issuance of bonus shares, merger and amalgamation

After Amendment (Now)



Investor Education and **Protection Fund**

The Central Government has established a Fund known as 'Investor Education & Protection Fund' under Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Following amounts shall be credited to IEPF :-

Section 125 (2)

(a) the amount given by the Central

Government by way of grants after due

appropriation made by Parliament by law in

this behalf for being utilised for the purposes

of the Fund:

(b) donations given to the Fund by the Central Government, State Governments,

companies or any other institution for the

purposes of the Fund;

(c) the amount in the Unpaid Dividend

Account of companies transferred to the

Fund under sub-section (5) of section 124;

(d) the amount in the general revenue account

of the Central Government which

had been transferred to that account under

sub-section (5) of section 205A of the



(<i>n</i>) such other amount as may be prescribed

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INVESTOR EDUCATION AND PROVIDENT FUND (ACCOUNTING, AUDIT, TRANSFER AND REFUND) RULES, 2016

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RULE 1

Any amount required to be credited by the companies to the Fund as provided under clauses (a) to (n) of sub-section (2) of section 125 of the Act shall be remitted online along with a Statement in Form No. IEPF 1 containing details of such transfer to the Authority within a period of thirty days of such amounts becoming due to be credited to the Fund."

RULE 8

Every company shall within a period of sixty days after the holding of Annual General Meeting or the date on which it should have been held as per the provisions of section 96 of the Act, whichever is earlier and every year thereafter till completion of the seven years period, identify the unclaimed amounts, as referred in subsection (2) of section 125 of the Act, as on the date of closure of financial year the account of which are to be adopted in the Annual General Meeting as per sub-section (1) of section 137 of the Act, separately furnish and upload on its own website and also on website of Authority or any other website as may be specified by the Government, a statement or information of unclaimed and unpaid amounts separately for each of the previous seven financial



ersons entitled to receive the sum; (b)the nature of amount; (c) the amount to which each person is entitled; (d)the due date for transfer into the Investor Education and Protection Fund; and (e) such other information as may be considered necessary".	years through Form No. IEPF-2, containing following information, namely:- (a) the names and last known addresses of the
(d)the due date for transfer into the Investor Education and Protection Fund; and (e) such other information as may be considered necessary".	persons entitled to receive the sum; (b)the nature of amount;
(e) such other information as may be considered necessary".	(d)the due date for transfer into the Investor
	(e) such other information as may be



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

Before Amendment (Earlier)	<u>After Amendment (Now)</u>
CSR CONTRIBUTION	CSR CONTRIBUTION
AREAS/ACTIVITIES	AREAS/ACTIVITIES
SCHEDULE VII	SCHEDULE VII
Activities which may be included by companies in	Activities which may be included by companies in
their Corporate Social Responsibility	their Corporate Social Responsibility
Policies <u>activities relating to:</u>	Policies <u>activities relating to:</u>
(a) eradicating extreme hunger and poverty;	(a) eradicating extreme hunger and
(b) promotion of education;	poverty;
(c) promoting gender equality and empowering	(b) promotion of education;
women;	(c) promoting gender equality and
(d) ensuring environmental sustainability;	empowering women;
(e) social business projects;	(d) ensuring environmental sustainability;
(f) contribution to the Prime Minister's National	(e) social business projects;
Relief Fund or any other fund set up by the	(f) contribution to the Prime Minister's
Central Government or the State Governments	National Relief Fund or any other fund
for socio-economic development.	set up by the Central Government or the
(g) Ensuring sustainability	State Governments for socio-economic
(h) Protecting heritage	development.
(i) Working for the benefits of the country's armed forces	(g) Ensuring sustainability
(j) Fostering and training for sports activities	(h) Protecting heritage
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	country's armed forces(j) Fostering and training for sports
	activities
	(k) Slum area development
	(I) Disaster Management



REGISTERS AND RECORDS

Before Amendment (Earlier)	After Amendment (Now)
SECTIONS 59	RECTIFICATION OF REGISTER
Any person may apply to the NCLT for rectification of the register; -	OF MEMBERS SECTIONS 59
(a) where the name of a person is without sufficient cause, entered in the register of members of a company;	Any person may apply to the NCLT for rectification of the register; - (a) where the name of a person is without
 (b) where his name, having been entered, is removed without sufficient cause; or (c) where default is made or unnecessary delay takes place in entering in the register of members the fact of any person having 	 sufficient cause, entered in the register of members of a company; (b) where his name, having been entered, is removed without sufficient cause; or (c) where default is made or unnecessary delay
become, or ceased to be, a member of company. The NCLT has full powers to decide any question relating to the title of any person entered or omitted from the register of members.	takes place in entering in the register of members the fact of any person having become, or ceased to be, a member of company. The NCLT has full powers to decide any question
If default is made in complying with the order of the NCLT, the company shall be punishable with	relating to the title of any person entered or omitted from the register of members. If default is made in complying with the order of the
fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees but which may extend to five lakh rupees and <u>every officer of the company who is in default</u> shall be punishable with imprisonment for at erm which may extend to one year or with fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees but which may extend to three lakh rupees, or with	NCLT, the company shall be punishable with fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees but which may extend to five lakh rupees and <u>every</u> <u>officer of the company who is in default</u> shall be punishable with imprisonment for aterm which may extend to one year or with fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees but which may extend to
REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT	three lakh rupees, or with
BENEFICIAL OWNERS IN A COMPANY	REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFICIAL OWNERS IN A COMPANY SECTION 90
SECTION 90(1) Every individual, who acting alone or together, or through one or more persons or	Companies (Significant Beneficial Owners) Amendment Rules, 2019
trust, including a trust and persons resident outside India, holds beneficial interests, of not less than twenty-five per cent. or such other	DEFINITIONS
percentage as may be prescribed, in shares of a company or the right to exercise, or the	1. <u>REPORTING COMPANY</u> Rule 2(f)
actual exercising of significant influence or control as defined in clause (27) of section 2, over the company (herein referred to as	'Reporting company' means a company as defined in clause (20) of section 2 of the Act, required to comply with the requirements of



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"significant beneficial owner"), shall make a	section 90 of the Act;
declaration to the company, (BEN-1)	
specifying the nature of his interest and other	2."SIGNIFICANT BENEFICIAL
particulars, in such manner and within such	OWNER ["] Rule 2(h)
period of acquisition of the beneficial interest	"significant beneficial owner" in relation to a
or rights and any change thereof, as may be	reporting company means an individual referred
prescribed:	to in section 90, who acting alone or together, or
Provided that the Central Government may	
prescribe a class or classes of persons who	through one or more persons or trust, possesses
shall not be required to make declaration	one or more of the following rights or
under this sub-section.	entitlements in such reporting company, namely:-
(2) Every company shall maintain a register of	(i) holds indirectly, or together with any direct
the interest declared by individuals(BEN-3)	holdings, not less than ten per cent. of the
under sub-section (1) and changes therein	shares;
which shall include the name of individual,	(ii) holds indirectly, or together with any direct
his date of birth, address, details of ownership	holdings, not less than ten per cent. of the
in the company and such other details as may	voting rights in the shares;
be prescribed.	(iii)has right to receive or participate in not less
(3) The register maintained under sub-section (2)	
shall be open to inspection by any member of	<u>dividend</u> , or any other distribution, in a
the company on payment of such fees as may	financial year through indirect holdings alone,
be prescribed. (4) Every company shall file a return of	
significant beneficial owners of the company	
and changes therein with the Registrar	(iv)has right to exercise, or actually exercises,
containing names, addresses and other details	significant influence or control, in any
as may be prescribed within such time, in	manner
such form(BEN-2) and manner as may be	2A.Duty of the reporting company
prescribed.	(1) Every reporting company shall take
(5) A company shall give notice, in the	necessarysteps to find out if there is any
prescribed manner(BEN-4), to any person	individual who is a significant beneficial owner,
(whether or not a member of the company)	as defined in clause (h) of rule 2, in relation to
whom the company knows or has reasonable	that reporting company, and if so, identify him
cause to believe—	and cause such individual to make a declaration
(a) to be a significant beneficial owner of the	in Form No. BEN-1.
company;	(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the
(b) to be having knowledge of the identity of	steps stated in sub-rule (1), every reporting
a significant beneficial owner or another	company shall in all cases where its member
person likely to have such knowledge; or	(<i>other than an individual</i>), holds not less than ten
(c) to have been a significant beneficial owner of	per cent. of its;-
the company at any time during the three	(a)shares, or
years immediately preceding the date on which the notice is issued, and who is not	
registered as a significant beneficial owner	(b)voting rights, or
with the company as required under	(c)right to receive or participate in the dividend
thissection.(6) The information required	or any other distribution payable in a financial
by the notice under sub-section (5) shall be	year,
given by the concerned person within a period	give notice to such member, seeking
Billing and concerned person within a period	



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not exceeding thirty days of the date of the	information in accordance with sub-section (5) of
notice.	section 90, in Form No. BEN-4.
	3. Declaration of significant beneficial
	ownership under section 90
	Every individual, who subsequently becomes a
	significant beneficial owner, or where his
	significant beneficial ownership undergoes any
	change shall file a declaration in Form No.
	<u>BEN-1</u> to the reporting company, within thirty
	days of acquiring such significant beneficial
	ownership or any change therein.
	4. Return of significant beneficial owners in
	shares
	Upon receipt of declaration under rule 3, the
	reporting company shall file a return in Form
	No. BEN-2 with the Registrar in respect of such
	declaration, within a period of thirty days from
	the date of receipt of such declaration by it.
	7. Application to the Tribunal
	The reporting company shall apply to the
	Tribunal, -
	(i) where any person fails to give the
	information required by the notice in Form No.
	BEN-4, within the time specified therein; or
	(ii) where the information given is not
	satisfactory,
	for order directing that the shares in question be
	subject to restrictions, including –
	(a) restrictions on the transfer of interest attached
G	to the shares in question;
	(b) suspension of the right to receive dividend or
	any other distribution in relation to the shares in
	question;
	(c) suspension of voting rights in relation to the
	shares in question;
	(d) any other restriction on all or any of the
	rights attached with the shares in question
	8. <u>Non-Applicability</u> These rules shall not be



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made applicable to the extent the share <u>of the</u> reporting company is held by,-
(a) the authority constituted under section 125 of the Act;
(b) its holding reporting company:
(c) the Central Government, State Government or any local Authority;
(d) (i) a reporting company, or (ii) a body corporate, or (iii) an entity,
controlled by the Central Government or by any
State Government or Governments, or partly by the Central Government and partly by one or
more State Governments;
(e) Securities and Exchange Board of India registered Investment Vehicles such as
mutual funds, alternative investment funds (AIF), Real Estate Investment Trusts
(REITs), Infrastructure Investment Trust
(InVITs) regulated by the Securities and
Exchange Board of India,
(f)Investment Vehicles regulated by Reserve
Bank of India, or Insurance Regulatory and
Development Authority of India, or Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority.





WINDING UP – AN OVERVIEW

Before Amendment (Earlier)	<u>After Amendment (Now)</u>
MODES OF WINDING UP <u>A company registered under the Companies Ac</u> <u>2013 may be wound up in any of the followin</u>	
modes:- Mode of winding up Applicable laws	modes:- Mode of winding up Applicable laws
1. Compulsory Chapter XX of Winding Up Companies Act, 2013 Or Winding Up by Chapter V of Part II 2. Voluntary winding up Chapter V of Part II of Insolvency and Bankruptcy 2016	1.Compulsory Winding UpChapter CompaniesXXof CompaniesOrWinding Up by the NCLT2013 Read with the CompaniesCompanies CompaniesWinding Up by the NCLTWinding Up by the Companies2013 Read with the Companies

WHO MAY PETITION FOR THE WINDING UP

SECTION 272

An application for the winding up of a company has to be made by way of petition to the Tribunal. <u>A</u> petition may be presented under Section 272 by any of the following persons;-

Before Amendment (Earlier)	After Amendment (Now)
<u>(a) The Company.</u>	(a) The Company.
Here the directors shall make a petition in the	Here the directors shall make a petition in the
name of the company with the sanction of	name of the company with the sanction of
general meeting by way of special resolution.	general meeting by way of special resolution.
(b) Any contributory or contributories.	(b) Any contributory or contributories.
A contributory is entitled to present a winding	A contributory is entitled to present a winding
up petition, if the shares in respect of which he	up petition, if the shares in respect of which he
is a contributory or some of them :	is a contributory or some of them :
(i) were originally allotted to him; or	(iii) were originally allotted to him; or
(ii) have been held by him and registered in	(iv) have been held by him and registered in
his name for at least 6 months during the	his name for at least 6 months during the
18 months immediately before the	18 months immediately before the
commencement of winding up; or	commencement of winding up; or
(iii) have devolved upon him through the death	(iii) have devolved upon him through the death

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of a former holder.

A transfer of shares had been executed, stamped and dated in June, 1967. The company did not register it until October, 1968. The shareholder presented a petition for the winding up of the company in December, 1968. It was held that the petition did not lie, as the petitioner did not hold her shares for 6 months in her name. **[Re, Gattapardo Ltd.]**

- The legal representative of a deceased shareholder is a contributory for the purpose of this section. He can also file a petition for winding up though his name is not there in the register of members.
- (c) <u>All or any of the persons specified above in</u> <u>clauses (a) and (b)</u>.

(d) The Registrar of Companies.

Registrar of Companies is entitled to present a petition for winding up of a company on any one or more of the grounds specified in clauses (b) to (d) of Section 271. It is obligatory on the part of the Registrar to obtain prior sanction of the Central Government before presentation of the petition. Before granting the permission, the Central Government shall give a reasonable opportunity of making representations to the Company.

(e) Any person authorized by the Central Government for making the petition for winding up.

(f) In a case falling under Section 271(b), by the Central Government or a State Government.

A copy of the petition made under this section shall also be filed with the Registrar and the Registrar shall submit his views to the Tribunal within sixty days of receipt of such petition.

Petition **presented by the company** for winding up before the Tribunal shall be admitted only if accompanied by a **Statement of Affairs** in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.

In <u>Mumbai Labour Union v. Indo French</u>

<u>*Time Industries,*</u> it was held that a trade union cannot file winding up petition for unpaid wages of workmen/employees. They are of a former holder.

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DIRECTORS

QUALIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

Before Amendment (Earlier)

Rule 5 of Companies (Appointment and qualification of directors) Rules, 2014 provides that an independent director shall posses appropriate skills, experience and knowledge in one or more fields of finance, law, management, sales, marketing, administration, research, corporate governance, technical operations or other disciplines related to the company's business.

After Amendment (Now)

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<u>COMPANIES (APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS) FIFTH AMENDMENT RULES, 2019</u>

RULE 6

<u>Compliances required by a person eligible</u> and willing to be appointed as an independent director.—

(1) Every individual –

who intends to get appointed as an independent director in a company shall before such appointment,

apply online to the institute for inclusion of his name in the data bank for a period of one year or five years or for his life-time, and from time to time take steps as specified in sub-rule

till he continues to hold the office of an independent director in any company:

Provided that any individual, including an individual not having DIN, **may voluntarily** apply to the institute for inclusion of his name



in the data bank.

(2) Every individual whose name has been so included in the data bank shall file an application for **renewal** for a further period of one year or five years or for his life-time. within a period of thirty days from the date of expiry of the period upto which the name of the individual was applied for inclusion in the data bank, failing which, the name of such individual shall stand removed from the data bank of the institute:

Provided that **no** application for renewal shall be filed by an individual who has paid lifetime fees for inclusion of his name in the data bank.

(4) Every individual whose name is so included in the data bank shall pass an online proficiency self-assessment test conducted by the institute within a period of one year from the date of inclusion of his name in the data bank, failing which, his name shall stand removed from the databank of the institute:

"Provided that an individual shall not be required to pass the online proficiency selfassessment test, when he has served as a director or key managerial personnel, for a total period of not less than ten years, as on the date of inclusion of his name in the databank, in one or more of the following, namely:-

(a) listed public company; or

(b) unlisted public company having a paid-up share capital of rupees ten crore or more; or

(c)body corporate listed on a recognized stock exchange:

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INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS) RULES, <mark>2019.</mark> "Institute" means the 'Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs' notified under Section 150 of the Companies Act, 2013. Creation and maintenance of data bank.— The institute shall create and maintain a databank of persons willing and eligible to be appointed as independent directors, and such databank shall be an online databank which shall be placed on the website of the <mark>institute.</mark>

MANNER OF SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR **SECTION 150**

Before Amendment (Earlier)	<u>After Amendment (Now)</u>
According to Section 150, independent directors may be selected from a data bank of eligible and willing persons maintained by the agency (Any body, institute or association as may be authorized by Central government). Such agency shall put data bank of independent directors on the website of ministry of corporate affairs or any notified website. Company must exercise due diligence before selecting a person from the data bank referred to above, as an independent director. This section further stipulates that the appointment of independent directors has to be approved by members in a General meeting. Any person who desires to get his name included in the data bank of independent directors shall make an application to the agency in Form DIR- <u>1</u> Application for inclusion of name in the databank of Independent Directors which includes the personal, educational, professional, work experience, other Board details of the appointment. However, Section 150 shall not apply to Section	According to Section 150, independent directors may be selected from a data bank of eligible and willing persons maintained by the agency (Any body, institute or association as may be authorized by Central government). Such agency shall put data bank of independent directors on the website of ministry of corporate affairs or any notified website. Company must exercise due diligence before selecting a person from the data bank referred to above, as an independent director. This section further stipulates that the appointment of independent directors has to be approved by members in a General meeting. However, Section 150 shall not apply to Section 8 companies.
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POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEN PRIOR APPROVAL OF COMPANY BY RESOLUTION REQUIRED FOR RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION [Rule 15 of companies (Meeting of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014]:-

"For the purposes of first proviso to sub-section (1) of **section 188**, except with the prior approval of the company by a **resolution**, a company shall not enter into a transaction or transactions, where the transaction or transactions to be entered into,—

(a) as contracts or arrangements with respect to clauses (a) to (e) of sub-section (1) of section 188, withcriteria as mentioned below –

Before Amendment (Earlier)	After Amendment (Now)
 (i) sale, purchase or supply of any goods or materials, directly or through appointment of agent, exceeding ten per cent. of the turnover of the company or rupees one hundred crore, whichever is lower, as mentioned in clause (a) and clause (e) respectively of sub-section (1) of Section 188; 	 (i) sale, purchase or supply of any goods or materials, directly or through appointment of agent, exceeding ten per cent. of the turnover of the company or rupees one hundred crore, whichever is lower, as mentioned in clause (a) and clause (e) respectively of sub-section (1) of Section 188;
 (ii) selling or otherwise disposing of or buying property of any kind, directly or through appointment of agent, exceeding ten per cent. of net worth of the company or rupees one hundred crore, whichever is lower, as mentioned in clause (b) and clause (e) respectively of sub-section (1) of Section 188; 	 (ii) selling or otherwise disposing of or buying property of any kind, directly or through appointment of agent, exceeding ten per cent. of net worth of the company or rupees one hundred erore, whichever is lower, as mentioned in clause (b) and clause (e) respectively of sub-section (1) of Section 188;
 (iii) leasing of property of any kind exceeding ten per cent. of the net worth of the company or ten per cent. of turnover of the company or rupees one hundred crore, whichever is lower, as mentioned in clause (c) of sub-section (1) of Section 188; (iv) availing or rendering of any services, directly or through appointment of agent, exceeding ten per cent. of the turnover of the company or rupees fifty crore, whichever is lower, as mentioned in clause (d) and clause (e) 	 (iii) leasing of property of any kind exceeding ten per cent, of the net worth of the company or ten per cent. of turnover of the company or rupees one hundred crore, whichever is lower, "amounting to ten per cent or more of the turnover of the company" as mentioned in clause (c) of sub-section (1) of Section 188; (iv) availing or rendering of any services, directly or through appointment of agent, exceeding ten per cent. of the turnover of the company or services.
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entered into either individually or taken together with the previous transactions during a financial year.

- (b) is for appointment to any office or place of profit in the company, its subsidiary company or associate company at a monthly remuneration exceeding two and half lakh rupees as mentioned in clause (f) of subsection (1) of Section 188; or
- (c) is for remuneration for underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof, of the company exceeding one per cent. of the net worth as mentioned in clause (g) of sub-section (1) of Section 188.

Explanation.-

- (1) The Turnover or Net Worth referred in the above sub-rules shall be computed on the basis of the Audited Financial Statement of the preceding Financial year.
- (2) In case of a wholly owned subsidiary, the special resolution passed by the holding company shall be sufficient for the purpose of entering into the transactions between the wholly owned subsidiary and the holding company.
- (3) The explanatory statement to be annexed to the notice of a general meeting convened pursuant to Section 101 shall contain the <u>following particulars, namely:</u>
- (a) name of the related party;
- (b) name of the director or key managerial personnel who is related, if any;
- (c) nature of relationship;
- (d)nature, material terms, monetary value and particulars of the contract or arrangement;
- (e) any other information relevant or important for the members to take a decision on the proposed resolution."

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TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURES

DISCLOSURES UNDER VARIOUS RULES MADE UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT

I. <u>Matters to be included in Board's report [Rule 8 of Companies (Accounts) Rules</u> 2014].-

As per Rule 8 of Companies(Accounts)Rules 2014 following matters to be disclose in the Board's Report:-

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	Before Amendment (Earlier)	After Amendment (Now)
(1)	The Board's Report shall be prepared based on the stand alone financial statements of the company and the report shall contain a separate section wherein a report on the performance and financial position of each of the subsidiaries, associates and joint venture companies included in the consolidated financial statement is presented.	(1) The Board's Report shall be prepared based on the stand alone financial statements of the company and the report shall contain a separate section wherein a report on the performance and financial position of each of the subsidiaries, associates and joint venture companies included in the consolidated financial statement is presented.
(2)	The Report of the Board shall contain the particulars of contracts or arrangements with related parties referred to in sub-section (1) of section 188 in the Form AOC-2 .	(2) The Report of the Board shall contain the particulars of contracts or arrangements with related parties referred to in sub-Section (1) of Section 188 in the Form AOC-2.
(3)	The report of the Board shall contain the following information and details, namely:-	(3) The report of the Board shall contain the following information and details, namely:-
(A)	Conservation of energy-	(A) Conservation of energy-
(B)	Technology absorption-	(B) Technology absorption-
(C)	Foreign exchange earnings and Outgo-	(C) Foreign exchange earnings and Outgo-
(4)	Every listed company and every other public company having a paid up share capital of twenty five crore rupees or more in the report by its Board of directors, a statement indicating the manner in which formal annual evaluation has been made by the Board of its own performance and that of its committees and individual directors.	(4) Every listed company and every other public company having a paid up share capital of twenty five crore rupees or more in the report by its Board of directors, a statement indicating the manner in which formal annual evaluation has been made by the Board of its own performance and that of its committees and individual directors.
(5)	In addition to the information and details specified in sub-rule (4), the report of the Board shall also contain –	(5) In addition to the information and details specified in sub-rule (4), the report of the Board shall also contain –



- (i) the financial summary or highlights;
- (ii) the change in the nature of business, if any;
- (iii) the details of directors or key managerial personnel who were appointed or have resigned during the year;
- (iv) the names of companies which have become or ceased to be its Subsidiaries, joint ventures or associate companies during the year;
- the details relating to deposits. **(v)**
- (vi) the details of significant and material orders passed by the regulators or courts or tribunals impacting the going concern status and company's operations in future;
- (vii) the details in respect of adequacy of internal financial controls with reference to the Financial Statements.

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