ISSUE OF SHARES

Under Companies Act, 2013 and relevant rules framed thereunder
Type of Shares

Equity Shares
- With Voting Rights
- With differential rights as to Voting/Dividend

Preference Shares
- With Voting Rights
- With differential rights as to Dividend/Date of Redemption

All the Share Capital which is not Preference Share Capital

Issued Capital which carries a preferential right with respect to:
1. Payment of dividend
2. Repayment of capital
- SECTION 47 (deals with Voting Rights) is not applicable to Private Companies where memorandum or articles of association of the private company so provides
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<td>• Right to vote on <strong>EVERY</strong> resolution placed before the company</td>
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Voting Rights of Equity = Equity Share Capital
Voting Rights of Preference = Preference Share Capital
DIFFERENTIAL RIGHTS

• RULE 4 of Companies (Share Capital and Debenture) Rules, 2014 (deals with Issue of Equity Shares with Differential Rights)

• SECTION 48 (deals with Variation of Shareholder’s Right) applicable upon Private as well as Public Companies FOR BOTH: Equity & Preference
Rule 4 of Companies (Share Capital & Debenture) Rules, 2014
WHAT ARE DIFFERENTIAL VOTING RIGHTS (DVR)?
Shares with DVR are like ordinary shares but with fewer voting rights.

Important Features:
• Low priced
• Higher Returns/dividends
• Voting Rights sacrificed in favor of promoters

REASON FOR ISSUE?
• Raising capital without diluting their control
• Preventing hostile takeover by separating economic interests and voting rights
POINTS TO BE KEPT IN MIND BEFORE CONSIDERING SUCH ISSUE

• Voting Power in respect of shares with DVR shall be max 74% of Total Voting Power. (Disclosed in Explanatory Statement)

• No default:
  - AOC-4 & MGT-7 for 3 years
  - Payment of Declared Dividend
  - Repayment of Matured Deposits
  - Redemption of Due Preference Shares /Debentures
  - Payment of Interest on such deposits/debentures/dividend
  - Repayment of loan from PFI/SLI/Scheduled Bank/ interest thereon
  - Statutory payment to any Authority in relation to its employees
  - Crediting the amount to IEPF

• Cooling Period after default made good = 5 years

• Not been penalized in the last 3 year under RBI, SEBI, SCRA, FEMA or Special Act

• Cannot convert equity with VR to Equity with DVR & Vice-Versa
PROCEDURE & OTHER COMPLIANCES

- Company should ensure that there has been no default
- AoA should authorise. Else, amend AoA.
- Hold BM to approve the issue of Equity with DVR and also to issue notice calling EGM
- **Disclosures in Explanatory Statement** should be made in accordance with Section 102 and Rule 4(2)
- **Ordinary Resolution** (Listed Companies + Companies with Members exceeding 200 by Postal Ballot)
- Call Board Meeting for allotment & thereafter file PAS-3 within 30 days
- Issue share certificates and make necessary entry in the Register of Members
- Disclosure in Boards’ Report in the year in which issue was completed
Section 48 of the Companies Act, 2013
PROCEDURE & OTHER COMPLIANCES

• MOA or AOA should not contain restrictive provision
• Call separate meeting of that class / meeting of all equity shareholders and take 3/4\textsuperscript{th} approval from that class of shareholders (SPECIAL RESOLUTION 1: By Postal Ballot in case members exceed 200 & listed cos)
• If variation of one class affects rights of other class, then take 3/4\textsuperscript{th} approval from that class too.
• File MGT-14 within 30 days from the date of the meeting
• 10\% or more of such class of DISSENTING shareholders may apply to NCLT in form NCLT-1 within 21 days after the date of passing of the resolution for cancellation of variation
*Rule 14 of Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014
Section 62

Section 62(1)(a)
- Rights Issue
  - Board Resolution

Section 62(1)(b)
- Employee Stock Option (ESOS)
  - Special Resolution. (For Pvt Cos, Ordinary Resolution)

Section 62(1)(c)
- Preferential Offer
  - Special Resolution for all companies
  - Valuation from Registered Valuer
Section 62(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013

Rights Issue
**WHAT IS RIGHTS ISSUE?**

An invitation to the existing shareholders to purchase additional shares of the Company in proportion to their Paid Up Capital at a discounted price (i.e., lower than the market price)

**REASON FOR RIGHTS ISSUE?**

- The control of the company remains in the hands of the existing shareholders.
- The Company is unable to borrow money from the outsiders but it has to meet its capital requirement
- The Company can raise more Debt as the DE ratio reduces
PROCEDURE FOR RIGHTS ISSUE

• Board Meeting to be called for approving such issue
• Offer Letter + Notice → Shareholders via Regd Post / Speed Post / Electronic mode / Courier having proof of delivery at least 3 days before issue opening
• Issue to remain open for Min 15 days; Max 30 days. For Private Companies, if 90% of members agree in writing / electronically, lesser period can be taken
• Option of Renunciation can be given (Renunciation should not be restricted by the AoA).
• Call Board Meeting for allotment & thereafter file PAS-3 within 30 days and issue share certificates along with making entry in Register of Members
• Unsubscribed shares can be disposed off by the Board in any manner not dis-advantageous to the shareholders and the Company
Section 62(1)(b) + Rule 12 of Companies (Share Capital & Debenture) Rules, 2014

Employees Stock Option Scheme (ESOS)
**Employees' Stock Option** [Section 2(37)]:

OPTION given to the DIRECTORS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES of a company / its holding company / subsidiary company to purchase, or to subscribe for, the shares of the company AT A FUTURE DATE AT A PRE-DETERMINED PRICE

**WHO IS EMPLOYEE?**

“Employee”:

- Permanent Employee of the Company, its Holding & Subsidiary
- Director of the Company, its Holding & Subsidiary

Excluding:

- Independent Directors
- Employee belonging to Promoter/Promoter Group
- Director, through himself / Relative / Body Corporate holds more than 10% of Outstanding Equity Shares of the Company

- Above two NOT APPLICABLE to Start Ups till 10 years
PROCEDURE FOR ISSUE OF ESOS

• Call Board Meeting for approving such issue & Notice of AGM + Explanatory Statement
• Pass approval by **Ordinary Resolution** for Pvt Co which has not defaulted in Annual Filing. **Rest, SR**
• Separate Resolutions for grant of options to:
  o Employees of Subsidiary
  o Employees of Holding
  o Identified Employees 1% or more of the Issued Capital during any one year
• File MGT-14 in case of Special Resolution within 30 days
• Make entries in SH-6 (Register of Employee Stock Option)
• Grant Options to the Employees
• After Right is vested, option can be exercised. Once Option is exercised, call BM to allot shares and they shall have all rights of shareholders
• File PAS-3 within 30 days of allotment **AND** Disclose in Boards’ Report
IMPORTANT POINTS

Grant
- Offering of ESOP Options by Company to Employee

Vest
- Employee earns the right to use the option granted

Exercise
- Option is exercised by the Employee

On the fulfilment of underlying conditions like, Revenue target, etc

There may be a condition which needs to be fulfilled so that option can be vested. If not fulfilled, amount taken from employee shall be refunded

Minimum Gap of One Year between grant and vesting of options

There may be a Exercise Period. If option not exercised within the said period, the amount taken from the employee shall be forfeited

Terms of Options not exercised may be varied by passing SR provided it is not prejudicial
• **Exercise Price** can be determined by the Company in conformity with the applicable accounting policies.

• Company **at its discretion** can specify **LOCK IN** of shares issued pursuant to ESOS.

• Options cannot be **TRANSFERRED** / **PLEDGED** / **HYPOTHECATED** / **MORTGAGE**.

**However, If....**

- **Employee Dies**
  - Vest in Legal Heirs / nominees

- **Employee resigns / terminates**
  - Option shall expire
Section 54
+ Rule 8 of Companies (Share Capital & Debenture) Rules, 2014

Sweat Equity Shares
WHO IS EMPLOYEE?

“Employee”:
- Permanent Employee of the Company, its Holding & Subsidiary
- Director of the Company, its Holding & Subsidiary

Exclusions mentioned in ESOS not mentioned here.

REASON:
1. Providing Know-How
2. Making available rights in the nature of:
   - IPR
   - Value Addition

Sweat Equity Shares
[Section 2(88)]

Directors
Employees
Discount OR Consideration other than cash
PROCEDURE FOR ISSUE OF SWEAT EQUITY

• Obtain Report from Registered Valuer with justification of valuation
• Call BM to approve such issue and Notice of EGM + Explanatory [File MGT-14 for Public Cos]
• Pass Special Resolution in EGM which is valid for one year*
• Hold BM to allot shares and thereafter file PAS-3 within 30 days
• Disclose in Boards’ Report in the year when shares are issued
• Make entry in the Register of Sweat Equity Shares in SH-3
• Can be different from the existing class of equity shares
• Max Limit:
  ❖ 15% of Paid Up Equity Capital in one year or Rs. 5 Crore, HIGHER
  ❖ 25% of Paid Up Equity Capital in the lifetime.
  ❖ 50% of Paid Up Capital for 5 years in Start Up Companies
• Mandatory LOCK IN for 3 years. Share Certificate shall be Stamped in Bold and Expiry of lock in shall be mentioned.

*Allotment to be completed within 12 months, else another SR.
Section 62(1)(c) & 42 + Rule 13 of Companies (Share Capital & Debenture) Rules, 2014

Preferential Offer
What is Preferential Offer?
Rule 13 of Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014

Issue of Shares or other Securities

Select Group of Persons

Equity Shares, Fully and Partly convertible Debentures, other securities convertible into Equity
For Cash / Consideration other than cash

Public Issue, Rights issue, ESOS, ESPS, Bonus Shares, Equity Shares are excluded
PROCEDURE

• AoA should authorise
• Obtain Report from **Registered Valuer** [Not required in case of listed companies]
• Call BM to approve such issue and Notice of EGM + Explanatory [File MGT-14 for Public Cos]
• Pass Special Resolution in EGM which is valid for one year*
• Open a separate bank account in a scheduled bank
• File MGT-14 and dispatch PAS-4 to proposed allottees within 30 Days [In case offer is to **one or more existing members only**, then requirement of PAS-4 shall not apply.]
• Once the amounts are received, convene BM to allot shares and thereafter file PAS-3 within 15 days from the date of allotment
• Issue share certificates
• Maintain complete record in PAS-5

*Allotment to be completed within 12 months, else another SR.*
Non - Cash Consideration

Disclosure in Balance Sheet as per Accounting Standard if DEPRECIABLE ASSET

Expensed according to Accounting Standards if OTHERS
**Section 42**

Deals with Securities

There is a max limit of 200*

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**Section 62**

Deals with Shares

There is no limit

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*excluding QIBs and employees being offered securities pursuant to Section 62(1)(b)
Section 42 + Rule 14 of the Companies (Prospectus & Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014

Private Placement
PROCEDURE

• Issue of securities where offer is made only to “identified persons” not exceeding 200
• Prior Special Resolution. For NCD     Limit exceeds Section 180(1)(c), SR valid for one year for all offer of NCDs
• Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102
• No renunciation of right.
• Payment be to received only from the bank account of subscriber
• Separate Bank Account in Scheduled Bank to be opened
• Securities to be allotted within 60 days from the date of receipt of application money
• File PAS-3 within 15 days from the date of allotment
• Amounts received can be utilized only after filing of PAS-3
• Valuation from Registered Valuer
• No Public Advertisement to be made
• **Consequence of Non-Compliance**

  - If allotment not made within 60 days, then repay within 15 days. Beyond 15 days, with interest @ 12% p.a. from the 16\textsuperscript{th} day.

  - If securities are allotted to more than 200, then the offer shall be deemed to be Public Offer and provisions of SCRA & SEBI shall be applicable.

  - **PENALTY** of Rs. 1000 per day for each day of default on Company, Promoters and Directors but not exceeding Rs. 25 Lakh, if PAS-3 not filed timely.

  - Contravention with the provisions, **PENALTY** may extend to **Amount Raised OR Rs. 2 Crore**, whichever is lower.

  + Refund all monies with interest @12% p.a. within 30 days of the order imposing penalty.
THANK YOU

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