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❖ Capital Market and Securities Laws

• SEBI Circular-Ease of Doing Investment

Smooth transmission of securities from Nominee to Legal Heir (September 19, 2025)

SEBI has issued circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD/P/CIR/2025/130 dated September 19, 2025, regarding "Ease of Doing Investment -Smooth transmission of securities from Nominee to Legal Heir". According to the circular, SEBI has streamlined the process of appointing nominee. The nominee acts as a Trustee of the securities of the original security holder and transfers the securities to the legal heir as per succession plan.

In order to streamline the process of transmission of securities from nominee to legal heir and resolve issues related to taxation, it has been decided that a standard reason code viz. "TLH" shall be used by the reporting entities while reporting the transmission of securities from nominee to legal heir, to the CBDT so as to enable proper application of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

For details:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/web/?file=https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebi_data/attach_docs/sep-2025/1758282551734.pdf#page=1&zoom=page-width,-15,842

• SEBI Circular: Framework on Social Stock Exchange ("SSE") (September 19, 2025)

SEBI has issued circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2029 dated September 19, 2025, specifying Framework on Social Stock Exchange ("SSE"). Based on the recommendations of Social Stock Exchange Advisory Committee (SSEAC) and the feedback received through public consultation on the recommendations of SSEAC, the Board approved amendments to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 (ICDR Regulations) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (LODR Regulations). Accordingly, the provisions of ICDR Regulations and LODR Regulations in this regard, have been amended vide Gazette Notification dated September 09, 2025 and September 08, 2025 respectively.

For details:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/web/?file=https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebi_data/attach_docs/sep-2025/1758279862071.pdf#page=1&zoom=page-width,-16,480

❖ Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Guidebook on Mapping of Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN) Codes unveiled by Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal (September 21, 2025)

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, released the Guidebook on Mapping of Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN) Codes prepared by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on 20th September 2025 during the event on "Celebrating 10 Years of Make in India and Discussion on Next Gen-Reforms 2.0" in New Delhi. The Guidebook which provides allocation of 12,167 HSN Codes to 31 Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, aims to promote the adoption of data-driven approach for manufacturing development, investment promotion, and trade facilitation. ecosystem.

For details:

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2169207>

❖ **Views/Suggestions Sought by Regulator**

• **SEBI Draft Circular for Public Comments: Guidelines with respect to reporting of value of units of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) to Depositories (September 19, 2025)**

This consultation paper proposes to seek comments/ views/ suggestions from the public on the draft circular titled 'Reporting of value of units of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) to Depositories. To promote transparency in the AIF ecosystem, it is proposed to leverage upon the depository infrastructure such that AIFs may be required to maintain updated NAV of the units issued to investors based on valuation of their investments in the Depository system. The comments/ suggestions should be submitted latest by October 09, 2025.

For details: https://www.sebi.gov.in/web/?file=https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebi_data/attachdocs/sep-2025/1758280068680.pdf#page=1&zoom=110,14,798

• **Consultation Paper on Draft IFSCA FinTech Sandbox Framework (September 19, 2025)**

IFSCA has uploaded a consultation paper on its website seeking feedback/comments/ suggestions from the public on the proposed IFSCA FinTech Sandbox Framework.

The proposed regulatory framework aims to foster innovation in financial services by providing structured innovation facilitator like Regulatory/Innovation/ Inter-Operable Regulatory Sandbox/ Oversees Regulatory Referral Mechanism(s) for FinTech activities spanning across Banking, Capital Market, Insurance, Funds etc. and technology enabled fintech/ techfin use cases pertaining to the financial products, financial services and financial institutions which are regulated or likely to be regulated in the IFSCs.

Comments and suggestions from the public are invited on the Draft IFSCA FinTech Sandbox Framework which may be sent to IFSCA by October 10, 2025.

For details: <https://ifsc.gov.in/ReportPublication/Index?Mid=EJm9VSZNQes=>

❖ **ESG Update**

Hitachi

- Advancing Social Innovation Business under the “PLEDGES” sustainability strategy to balance environment, wellbeing, and economic growth aligned with the SDGs.
- Targeting 10% reduction in water use by FY2030 (vs. FY2019 baseline).
- Implementing advanced water treatment at Alabang Sewage Treatment Plant (Philippines) using MBR, RO, and UV systems to produce recycled water meeting drinking standards.
- Hitachi Group Code of Ethics applies to all employees; covers ethics, anti-corruption, fair competition, sustainability, diversity, and community involvement with mandatory training.
- 24/7 Global Compliance Hotline for confidential or anonymous reporting by employees, partners, and stakeholders.
- Strict policy against money laundering and antisocial transactions, refusing any improper or unfair deals.

For details:

https://www.hitachi.com/content/dam/hitachi/global/en/sustainability/media/download/en_sustainability2025.pdf

❖ International Financial Services Centre Authority

Clarification on the listing of convertible debt securities on recognised stock exchanges in the IFSCA (September 18, 2025)

IFSCA vide this circular has clarified that the procedure, manner, and conditions specified for the listing of debt securities in the Listing Regulations shall mutatis mutandis apply to convertible debt securities which are in the nature of foreign currency convertible bonds (FCCBs) or similar instruments, until their conversion, for the purpose of listing on recognised stock exchanges in the IFSC. IFSCA has advised all recognised Stock Exchanges in the International Financial Services Centres to ensure compliance with the above.

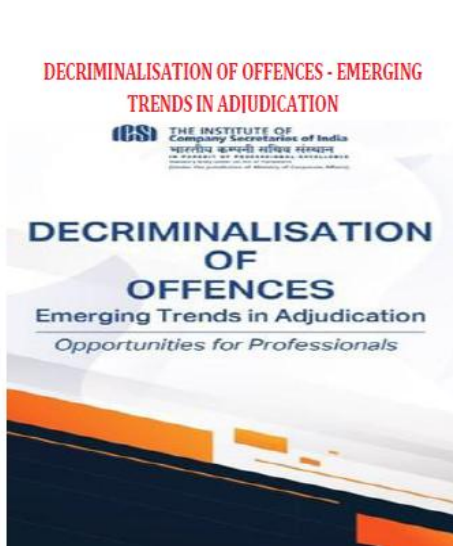
For details: <https://ifsc.gov.in/Legal/Index?MIId=u5gSWAutRWU=>

IFSCA (Payments Regulatory Board) Regulations, 2025 (September 18, 2025)

The IFSCA has notified the IFSCA (Payments Regulatory Board) Regulations, 2025. These regulations are a crucial step towards strengthening the governance framework for payment systems in the IFSC and ensuring transparency, accountability, and efficiency in regulatory oversight.

It inter-alia establishes the governance framework for a new board responsible for payment systems within IFSCs and also define the composition, eligibility criteria, tenure, and code of conduct for board members.

For details: <https://ifsc.gov.in/Legal/Index?MIId=rXQ6rA02s90=>



About the Book

Diligence, Compliance and Good Governance have always been looked through the lens of absence of non-compliance or default. The law while enlisting the provision for actions to be undertaken and procedures to be followed under different circumstances and situations has been equally wary of the scenarios wherein such compliances may not be made in true letter and spirit. Hence, the outline of punishments in the form of fines & penalties and imprisonment also in certain cases, depending on the severity of default. However, the downside of such punishments is that where criminal prosecution is provided for non-compliance of procedural requirements, it acts as a roadblock in attracting investment. Severe punitive measures for technical nature offences tend to hinder investment both from domestic and foreign investors. Criminalizing procedural lapses and minor non-compliances increases burden on businesses only.



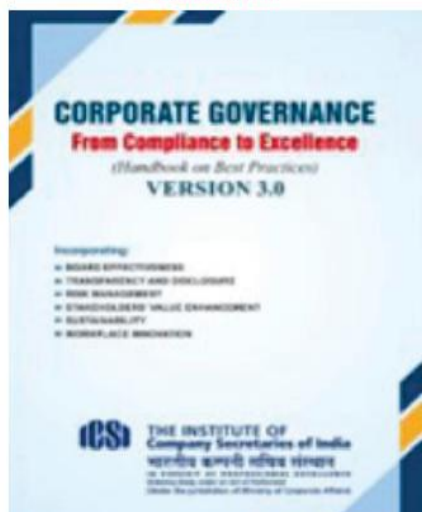
Year of Publication: 2024

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<https://smash.icsi.edu/Scripts/ECart/Default/ItemWiseECartSearchOnlineBooks.aspx?ItemId=327>

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE - FROM COMPLIANCE TO EXCELLENCE



About the Book

The ICSI in its endeavour to identify, foster and reward the best practices of corporate governance among Indian companies had instituted "The ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance" in the year 2001. Based on the analysis of the governance practices adopted by the companies which participated in these Awards in 2021, ICSI rolled out a publication titled 'Corporate Governance – From Compliance to Excellence (Handbook on Best Practices)' in the year 2022.

The publication highlights the governance practices adopted in aspects like Board effectiveness, Transparency and Disclosure, Risk Management, Stakeholders' Value Enhancement, Sustainability and Workplace Innovation.



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For Subscription:

<https://smash.icsi.edu/Scripts/ECart/Default/ItemWiseECartSearchOnlineBooks.aspx?ItemId=317>

❖ **Pronouncement**

September 02, 2025	Rajan (Appellant(s)) Versus The State of Haryana {Respondent(s)}	Supreme Court of India Criminal Appellate Jurisdiction Criminal Appeal No. 3904/2025 (@SLP(CRL.)) NO.13881/2025 (DIARY NO.43582/2018 2025 INSC 1081
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Judgments of the High Court must be made available to parties within three months of being reserved

Order

In the above case, the Appellant appeal to the Supreme Court to set aside the impugned Judgment of the High Court because although the operative part of the Judgment was pronounced on 18-2-2016, yet the main Judgment came to be uploaded only after a period of 2 years and 5 months. According, this he has caused grave prejudice to the Appellant. Hon'ble Apex Court reiterated the case of *Anil Rai v. State of Bihar reported in (2001) 7 SCC 318* wherein Supreme Court issued guidelines as contained in paras 9 and 10 respectively of the judgment which read as under:

"9. Xx xx xx xx

10. Under the prevalent circumstances in some of the High Courts, I feel it appropriate to provide some guidelines regarding the pronouncement of judgments which, I am sure, shall be followed by all concerned, being the mandate of this Court. Such guidelines, as for the present, are as under:

(i) *The Chief Justices of the High Courts may issue appropriate directions to the Registry that in a case where the judgment is reserved and is pronounced later, a column be added in the judgment where, on the first page, after the cause-title, date of reserving the judgment and date of pronouncing it be separately mentioned by the Court Officer concerned.*

(ii) *That Chief Justices of the High Courts, on their administrative side, should direct the Court Officers/Readers of the various Benches in the High Courts to furnish every month the list of cases in the matters where the judgments reserved are not pronounced within the period of that month.*

(iii) *On noticing that after conclusion of the arguments the judgment is not pronounced within a period of two months, the Chief Justice concerned shall draw the attention of the Bench concerned to the pending matter. The Chief Justice may also see the desirability of circulating the statement of such cases in which the judgments have not been pronounced within a period of six weeks from the date of conclusion of the arguments amongst the Judges of the High Court for their information. Such communication be conveyed as confidential and in a sealed cover.*

(iv) *Where a judgment is not pronounced within three months from the date of reserving it, any of the parties in the case is permitted to file an application in the High Court with a prayer for early judgment. Such application, as and when filed, shall be listed before the Bench concerned within two days excluding the intervening holidays.*

(v) *If the judgment, for any reason, is not pronounced within a period of six months, any of the parties of the said lis shall be entitled to move an application before the Chief Justice of the High Court with a prayer to withdraw the said case and to make it over to any other Bench for fresh arguments. It is open to the Chief Justice to grant the said prayer or to pass any other order as he deems fit in the circumstances."*

For details: https://images.assettype.com/barandbench/2025-09-09/f5o3ckgm/Rajan_v_State_of_Haryana.pdf

Market Watch**Stock Market Indices as on
22.09.2025**

S & P BSE Sensex	82159.97 (-0.56%)
Nifty 50	25202.35 (-0.49%)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 22.09.2025

<https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/referenceratearchive.aspx>

INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/ 1 JPY
88.14	103.49	118.80	0.59

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