# THE CLEARING CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED SECURITIES SEGMENT REGULATIONS

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Amended in July, 2025.

## **CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION, APPLICABILITY & DEFINITIONS**

#### 1. Introduction

These Regulations shall be known as The Clearing Corporation of India Limited (Securities Segment) Regulations, 2009 as amended in July, 2025.

#### 2. APPLICABILITY

These Regulations shall be applicable to all Members admitted to the Securities Segment of The Clearing Corporation of India Limited.

## 3. **DEFINITIONS**

- **1. APPROVING AUTHORITY:** "Approving Authority" shall have the same meaning as defined in Bye-Laws of Clearing Corporation.
- **2. ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** "Associate Member" is a Member who is a GILT Account Holder and eligible to undertake Triparty Repo trades. Associate Members shall maintain a Current Account with the Designated Settlement Bank (DSB) for the purpose of funds settlement of their Triparty Repo trades.
- **3. BOND FORWARD:** "Bond Forward" shall have the same meaning as assigned under the Reserve Bank of India (Forward Contracts in Government Securities) Directions, 2025, as amended from time to time.
- **4. CLEARCORP:** "Clearcorp" means Clearcorp Dealing Systems (India) Limited.
- **5. CLEARING MEMBER:** "Clearing Member" is a Member of Securities Segment of Clearing Corporation who is permitted under the Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations to submit its Proprietary Trades and its Constituents' Trades for clearing and settlement to Clearing Corporation.
- **6. CONSTITUENT:** "Constituent" means an entity or a person on whose instructions and on whose account the Clearing Member clears and settles Trades.
- **7. CONSTITUENT TRADES:** "Constituent Trades" means Trades submitted by a Member on account of its Constituents for clearing and settlement to Clearing Corporation.
- **8. DEMAT POOL ACCOUNT:** "Demat Pool Account" means an account maintained by the Member with the respective Depository for receiving and delivering securities from / to its Constituents and/ or the Depository.
- **9. GILT ACCOUNTS:** A "Gilt Account" means an account for holding Government Securities opened and maintained by an entity or a person with an entity permitted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate Constituents Subsidiary General Ledger Account

with the Public Debt Office of RBI.

- **10. GILT ACCOUNT HOLDERS (GAH)** "GILT Account Holder" means an entity or a person holding a GILT Account.
- 11. MEMBER: "Member" is an entity admitted as such by Clearing Corporation under its Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations to transact business under any of its Segments and does not denote shareholders of Clearing Corporation. Provided shareholders of Clearing Corporation may also be admitted as Members of Clearing Corporation. A Member can be an Associate Member or Self Clearing Member or Clearing Member.
- **12. PAYMENT GATEWAY:** "Payment Gateway" means a third party service provider which facilitates Constituents of Clearing Member to remit funds to Clearing Corporation towards the settlement of trades received from NDS-OM.
- **13. PREFUNDING**: "Prefunding" means the prefunded Collateral posted by Member(s), for itself or on behalf of its Constituents which is earmarked as Prefunded Limits to meet Settlement Obligations, if any.
- **14. PREFUNDED LIMITS**: "Prefunded Limits" means the limits set for a Member for itself or on account of its Constituents on the basis of the Prefunding in the Securities Segment.
- **15. PORTING:** "Porting" means the transfer of trades, positions and margins of a Constituent from one Clearing Member to another Clearing Member.
- **16. PROPRIETARY TRADES:** "Proprietary Trades" means trades submitted by a Member for its own account for clearing and settlement to Clearing Corporation.
- **17. SELF-CLEARING MEMBER:** "Self-Clearing Member" is a Member who is permitted under the Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations of Clearing Corporation, to clear and settle only Proprietary Trades.
- **18. TRADING ENTITY:** "Trading Entity" means an entit y which is not a member of Clearing Corporation but has been provided access to dealing platform of the Clearcorp for the purpose of concluding / reporting/ submission of trades of its clients created as Constituents of a Clearing Member of Clearing Corporation for the purpose of settlement by Clearing Corporation as trades of the Clearing Member.
- **19. TRADING ENTITY ID:** "Trading Entity ID" mean a unique ID provided by Clearing Corporation to each Trading Entity, for the purpose of identifying the entity accessing the trading platform and whose trades shall be settled by Clearing Member of the Clearing Corporation.
- **20. TRIPARTY REPO:** "Triparty Repo" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it under Repurchase Transactions (Repo) (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018 and as amended by

Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

**21. TRIPARTY AGENT:** A "Triparty Agent" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it under Repurchase Transactions (Repo) (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018 and as amended by Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Clearing Corporation Bye-Laws and Rules.

Unless explicitly stated otherwise, all capitalized terms used herein but not defined, and defined in the Bye-Laws or Rules of Clearing Corporation, shall have the same meanings as assigned to them therein.

#### **CHAPTER II: MEMBERSHIP**

#### A. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Every entity desirous of seeking membership shall submit an application in the prescribed format to Clearing Corporation complete in all respects together with all requisite enclosures, as required to be submitted in terms of the application form.
- 2. The application shall clearly specify that the applicant desires to seek membership to the Securities Segment of Clearing Corporation. Members holding CSGL account with RBI shall be permitted to act as a Clearing Member for the purpose of Settlement of outright, repo and Bond Forward Trades and/or Triparty Repo Trades provided they meet the eligibility criteria prescribed for such purpose.
- **3.** The application form shall be submitted along with the fees prescribed therefor.
- **4.** Clearing Corporation may by notification, discontinue admission of new applicant(s) to a specific category of membership in the Securities Segment.

#### **B.** PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

- **1.** Every such application received in terms of Regulation (A) above shall be submitted to the Approving Authority for consideration;
- 2. Clarifications and/or additional information sought by the Approving Authority shall be conveyed to the concerned applicant. Such applications shall be processed further only upon receipt of complete particulars called for by the Approving Authority;
- 3. Mere submission of completed application forms and/ or additional information sought by the Approving Authority does not by itself constitute any privilege for any applicant to claim grant of membership to Clearing Corporation;
- **4.** Upon receipt of approval of the Approving Authority, Clearing Corporation shall communicate such approval to the applicant with a request to complete the other formalities outlined in these Regulations;
- 5. Every applicant upon receipt of approval for membership shall execute a power of attorney in favour of the Clearing Corporation in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Clearing Corporation. Such execution shall be carried out by duly authorized signatory(ies) and shall bear the official seal of the Member Company.

## C. MEMBER ID

- 1. Every applicant admitted as a Member (including Associate Members) of Clearing Corporation shall be allotted a unique Member ID which shall be for the identification purpose of the Member;
- **2.** Every Member admitted under this Segment by Clearing Corporation, shall be identified as either a Self-Clearing Member or a Clearing Member.
- **3.** Every Member shall incorporate the Member ID in all its communications to Clearing Corporation;
- 4. Non- incorporation of Member ID by a Member in any trade or communication

- shall absolve Clearing Corporation of all liabilities or consequences of inaction by Clearing Corporation;
- **5.** Every Member shall ensure that incorporation and/ or use of its Member ID is restricted to authorized personnel only;
- 6. Clearing Corporation and/ or any of its officials shall not in any way be responsible for any loss or consequences that may arise on account of unauthorized and/ or wrongful use of Member ID.

#### **D.** CONSTITUENT IDS

- **1.** Constituent means an entity or a person on whose instructions and on whose account the Clearing Member clears and settles Trades.
- 2. Clearing Corporation shall accept contribution towards the MCC from Clearing Members for their Constituents for the purpose of acceptance of such Constituent's Trades.
- 3. Clearing Corporation shall allot each such Constituent an ID for the purpose of identification upon request received from Clearing Members providing requisite details and documents, as prescribed by Clearing Corporation. Clearing Member shall be responsible for providing the requisite details of each Constituent. Clearing Member shall provide any additional information as may be sought by the Clearing Corporation in relation to each of its Constituents.
- **4.** Every Clearing Member shall incorporate the Constituent ID in all its Constituents' Trades sent to Clearing Corporation.
- 5. A Clearing Member of Clearing Corporation may seek to settle Constituent Trades in this Segment through its CSGL Account or through the Constituent's GILT account with RBI or through the CSGL Account of the Depository for trades received in demat or its TPR Collateral GILT ac count with Clearing Corporation.
- **6.** Clearing Members shall be responsible for the Settlement of all Constituent Trades submitted by them.
- 7. All references to Member's Trades, positions, obligations, Settlement, shortages, its replenishment, margins and default fund contributions in these Regulations shall include both the Proprietary Trades and the Constituent Trades.
- 8. For the purpose of Porting a Clearing Member prior to admission of a Constituent shall obtain an 'undertaking' from its Constituent(s), to the effect that the Constituents shall forthwith inform CCIL of its choice of an alternate Clearing Member, in the event of its failure to act as a Clearing Member arising from but not limited to any corporate restructuring, bankruptcy, regulatory action etc.

## **E.** RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP:

- 1) A Member who:
  - **I.** is not a defaulter;
  - II. has met all margin calls;
  - **III.** has replenished their Default Fund contributions in respect of calls made on or before the resignation request date (as defined later);

shall have the right to resign from Securities Segment, provided:

- (A) Such Member satisfies either of the following conditions subject to such procedure as prescribed:
  - (a) there are no outstanding trades accepted in the Securities Segment for the preceding two months; or
  - **(b)** if the Member has incurred loss through replenishment of its contribution to Securities Segment Default fund (s) / Triparty Repo Default Fund and the specified threshold as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time in this respect has been reached.

Provided however that a Member seeking to resign under Regulation E (1) (A)(a) may be granted exemption from the requirement of not having any outstanding Trades accepted for Settlement in the preceding two months if:

- i. such resignation is on account of its merger / amalgamation with, or its acquisition by, another entity which is a Member of Clearing Corporation in this Segment and the merged/ amalgamated or acquiring entity has given an undertaking to Clearing Corporation stating its intention to take over all obligations of the resigning Member (including the obligations of its Constituents) and its obligations towards the Default Fund arising out of the provisions of Chapter XVI, 'Default Fund' of these Regulations.
- ii. If an existing Member has applied to resign as a Member and avail the services of Clearing Corporation as a Constituent of a Clearing Member and the said Clearing Member has undertaken to take over all obligations of the resigning Member including the obligations of its Constituents and also its obligations towards the Default Fund arising out of the provisions of Chapter XVI: 'Default Fund' of these Regulations.
  - 2) A Member resigning under Regulation E (1) (A)(a) above:
    - **a.** shall give prior notice in writing to the Clearing Corporation clearly indicating its decision to resign from the Securities Segment.
    - **b.** The notice shall be effective on the Resignation Request Date.
    - c. Clearing Corporation shall promptly notify other Members of this Segment about the resignation request received. Such request for resignation under E (1) (A)(a) above shall be approved or rejected by the Managing Director of Clearing Corporation or by an official so authorized by the Managing Director within 2 Business Days f rom the resignation request date based on fulfillment, or otherwise, of the conditions for resignation by the Member. The resignation shall come into effect from such date of approval by the Managing Director of Clearing Corporation or by an official so authorized by the Managing Director or in the absence of such approval or rejection, it shall be deemed to be approved at the end of 2 Business Days from the resignation request date.
    - **d.** The resigning Member shall then be entitled to receive any amount lying to the credit of its Default Fund account for this Segment after adjusting

- all outstanding dues owed by it to Clearing Corporation in terms of its Bye-Laws, Rules & Regulations.
- 3) A Member desiring to resign under Regulation E(1)(A)(b) above:
  - i. Shall give prior notice of 7 calendar days to the Clearing Corporation in writing clearly indicating its decision to resign from the Securities Segment.
  - **ii.** Clearing Corporation shall promptly notify other Members of this Segment about the resignation request received.
  - **iii.** The resigning Member shall cancel all the outstanding Trades in the Securities Segment.
  - iv. All requests for resignation under Regulation E (3) shall be approved or rejected by the managing director of Clearing Corporation or by an official so authorized by the Managing Director after the Member has cancelled all its outstanding Trades in the Securities Segment within the specified 07 days' notice period based on fulfillment or otherwise of all the conditions for resignation by the Member. Such request for resignation may be rejected by the Managing Director of Clearing Corporation or by an official so authorized by the Managing Director in case the Member has not fulfilled any obligations or liabilities arising out of or incidental to any Trades under the Segment in terms of Bye -Laws, Rules and Regulations of Clearing Corporation. In the event of such rejection, the reasons for such rejection shall also be communicated to the Member. If the said resignation is not rejected or if such approval for such resignation is not given by the end of the day of the resigning Member's cancelling all its outstanding trades, it shall be deemed to have been approved at the end of such day. The resigning Member shall upon approval of resignation by Clearing Corporation be entitled to receive any amount lying to the credit of its Default Fund account for this Segment upon adjustment of other dues to Clearing Corporation.
  - **v.** If the Member fails to cancel all its outstanding trades within the period set out in 3 (iv) above, the resignation notice shall be deemed to be withdrawn by the Member.
  - vi. The procedure as specified in Clearing Corporation Rules, Chapter IV-Rule 8 Resignation, shall not apply to the Member resigning as per the Regulation E of this Chapter.

## CHAPTER III: MEMBERS COMMON COLLATERAL/COLLATERAL

#### A. PURPOSE

1. In terms of Chapter VA of the Rules, Member(s) shall upon admission to this Segment make Margin contributions to MCC for its Proprietary Trades and Constituents' Trades prior to Clearing Corporation accepting the Trades for Clearing and Settlement in this Segment.

## B. COMPOSITION, ADMINISTRATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF MCC

- 1. The provisions of the Rules on the composition and/ or administration and/ or withdrawal of MCC, shall be applicable to Member(s) of this Segment.
- 2. In addition to the provisions of the Rules as applicable to this Segment, the provisions of these Regulations shall be applicable. Any changes to the composition and/ or administration and/ or 'withdrawal' may also be notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.

#### C. INTEREST ON CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO MCC

1. Members shall be entitled to receive interest at quarterly rests (i.e. at the end of every calendar quarter) on 'cash' provided under the MCC only to the extent of the cash utilized for Proprietary Trades and Constituent Trades respectively in this Segment, towards Margin requirement of Outright, Repo Trades, and Bond Forward Trades, in excess of minimum threshold cash Margin prescribed and notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.

## **CHAPTER IV: TRIPARTY REPO COLLATERAL**

#### A. PURPOSE

- 1. Clearing Corporation shall maintain Collateral in respect of Triparty Repo (hereinafter referred to as "TPR Collateral") Trades of the Member and i ts Constituents, accepted for Settlement.
- 2. TPR Collateral contributions by the Member shall mean the collateral contributed to cover its exposures on the outstanding Proprietary and Constituents borrowings under Triparty Repo Trades received for Settlement by Clearing Corporation.
- **3.** Collateral contributed by a Clearing Member on its own account shall be kept segregated by the Clearing Corporation from the collateral contributed by the Clearing Member on account of each of its Constituents.
- 4. Members who meet the eligibility criteria as decided by Clearing Corporation for acting as a Clearing Member for Triparty Repos, shall only be permitted to contribute for Constituents, cash and securities towards TPR Collaterals. Clearing Member shall ensure that contributions to Triparty Repo Collateral on behalf of Constituents, shall only be for such Constituents w ho are eligible to undertake repo in terms of RBI Repurchase Transactions (Repo) (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018 or such instructions issued by RBI from time to time. Clearing Members shall further ensure that securities contributed for Constituents towards TPR Collateral shall be eligible securities accepted by Clearing Corporation as TPR Collateral, which are owned by respective Constituents and are free from any encumbrance.
- **5.** Clearing Corporation shall take no account of any right or interest which any person other than the Clearing Member may have in the Collateral deposited by such Member with Clearing Corporation;
- **6.** TPR Collateral shall be utilized for such purposes as may be provided for in the Clearing Corporations' Bye- Laws, Rules and Regulations including those that deal with the meeting of default obligations
  - / shortfalls / deficiencies and/ or any other dues arising out of normal clearing and Settlement operations undertaken by Clearing Corporation as part of i ts normal day- to- day operations.
  - Clearing Corporation shall act as a Triparty Agent for Triparty Repo Trades received for Settlement from Triparty Repo (Dealing) Segment of Clearcorp in accordance with the Repurchase Transactions (Repo) (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018 as amended from time to time and as provided in Bye- Laws, Rules and Regulations of Clearing Corporation.

## **B.** COMPOSITION

- 1. TPR Collateral shall be formed with contributions from Members in the form of cash and eligible Government Securities;
- 2. Every Member shall contribute to TPR Collateral, the minimum of its total amount of margin requirement at any point of time in the form of cash and the balance shall be contributed in the form of eligible Government Securities. The

minimum cash contribution to be maintained by the Members towards its margin requirement shall be as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time. Such minimum contribution, shall be applicable separately for Proprietary Trades and also for each of its Constituent's Trades. Every Member shall also contribute the eligible Government Securities to TPR Collateral towards its own borrowing limit and the borrowing limit of each of its Constituents separately under Triparty Repo.

- 3. Clearing Corporation shall specify the list of securities which shall be eligible for contribution to TPR Collateral. The list of securities eligible for such contribution shall be notified by Clearing Corporation from time to t ime. Securities declared as ineligible for TPR Collateral contribution shall not be reckoned for Margin contribution/ borrowing 1 imit of such Member or its Constituents;
  - **a.** Provided that Clearing Corporation may at its discretion specify from time to time, the maximum amount of a single security or group of securities that a Member and / or all Members together may deposit by way of contribution to TPR Collateral or/ and have securities concentration thresholds beyond which hair cut rates of securities deposited as collateral may be s t epped up;

For the purpose of the afore-mentioned concentration thresholds, collateral deposited by a Member shall include the collateral deposited on its own account and also on account of its Constituents;

- 4. A Member shall upon admission be required to contribute to TPR Collateral separately on its own account and on account of its Constituents before Clearing Corporation accepts Triparty Repo Trades f rom the Member for c l earing and Settlement;
- 5. A Member's contribution to TPR Collateral shall cover its obligations towards borrowing limit, initial margin, mark to market margin, volatility margin for Triparty Repo trades and/ or an y other Margin that may be prescribed in Chapter VIII relating to "Risk Management" in these Regulations.
- 6. Clearing Corporation may also consider accepting bank guarantees from its Members to cover its liquidity requirements, on s uch terms and conditions, as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to t ime;
- 7. It shall be the responsibility of the Member to ensure that its exposures on the outstanding Proprietary and Constituents borrowings under Tripart y Repo Trades accepted for Settlement are fully secured by the value of the collateral maintained by it with Clearing Corporation from time to time on account of the Clearing Member and on account of its Constituents respectively, as provided under t hese Regulations.

#### C. INTEREST ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO TPR COLLATERAL

1. Periodical interest receivable by the Members on their securities contributed to TPR Collateral, shall be received by Clearing Corporation for and on behalf of the

- Members in the manner and mode prescri bed by RBI in respect of CSGL Accounts:
- 2. Clearing Corporation shall not be responsible for servicing corporate actions on such securities held by Members in its TPR Collateral which have been declared as ineligible for TPR Collateral contribution;
- **3.** Members shall be entitled to receive interest on such Government Securities that are contributed to TPR Collateral as per coupon rate pa yable on t he respective security.
- **4.** Interest received by Clearing Corporation shall be subsequently transmitted t o t he Members at the earliest.
  - However, interest received on securities contributed to TPR Collateral may be retained by Clearing Corporation, without any cost to Clearing Corporation, in case the revalued Borrow Limit of the Member/ its Constituent on interest payment date falls below the utilized Borrow Limit towards Triparty Repo trades accepted for Settlement. Such interest amount retained shall not be available for any margin purpose and can be withdrawn by the Member, partially or fully, immediately after replenishment of the Borrowing Limit shortfall by submitting a Cash withdrawal notice as per the workflow process notified f rom time to t ime;
- 5. Members shall monitor the security contributions for itself and its Constituent(s), towards TPR Collateral to ensure that securities falling due for redemption are withdrawn from TPR Collateral well i n advance before the redemption date and substituted by e l i gible securities of equivalent value, if required. In t he event of their failing to do so, redemption proceeds receivable by the Members on such securities shall be received by Clearing Corporation for and on behalf of t he Members in t he manner and mode prescribed by RBI i n respect of CSGL Accounts;
- **6.** Redemption proceeds received by Clearing Corporation shall be treated as Member's cash contribution to TPR Collateral for its Proprietary Trades and Constituent Trades as the case may be.
- 7. Members shall be entitled to receive interest (at the end of every quarter) on cash amounts contributed to TPR Collateral only to the extent of the cash utilized for Proprietary Trades and Constituent Trades respectively, in excess of minimum cash margin prescribed, towards initial margin requirement of Tripart y Repo trades as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.

#### **D.** ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Clearing Corporation shall have discretion/ control over the administration, utilization of cash margins deposited by Members. Clearing Corporation shall be authorized to invest the cash contributions received from Members, in Government Securities, bank deposits or such other instruments as may be decided by Clearing Corporation from time to time in accordance with its investment policy;
- 2. The contributions made by Members to TPR Collateral in the form of securities

shall be held in the designated CSGL Accounts of Clearing Corporation and/ or GILT Account of the Member and its Constituents under Clearing Corporation's respective CSGL Account with RBI. The RBI Rules and Regulations governing CSGL Accounts and such other instructions as are i ssued by RBI in this regard shall be applicable to this account and all contributions by Members to TPR Collateral in the form of securities shall accordingly be governed by the said RBI Rules and Regulations and instructions;

- 3. Clearing Corporation shall at its sole discretion, identify the security to be debited among the security contributed in the Triparty Repo GILT Account by the borrower and borrower shall be deemed to have given consent for such security debits by Clearing Corporation. Clearing Corporation shall debit the securities equivalent to the value of amount borrowed under Triparty Repot of the GILT Account of the borrower for credit to Triparty Reposettlement account (TPR reposettlement account) maintained by Clearing Corporation.
- 4. Clearing Corporation shall at its sole discretion identify the security t o be credited to Tripart y Repo GILT Account of t he l ender and l ender shall be deemed to have given concurrence for such securit y cr edits b y Clearing Corporation. Clearing Corporation shall credit the GILT Account of t he lender, with the securities equivalent t o t he value of amount l ent under Tripart y Repo b y debiting TPR repo settlement account maintained by Clearing Corporation.
- The securities debit for a borrower of funds and credit to lenders of funds for t erm Tripart y Repo transactions may be determined on a dail y basis by Clearing Corporation and securities i dentified for debit and credit respectively to the borrower and I ender may change during I i fe cycle of the Triparty Repo t ransaction.
- 6. Securities credit to Members in their GILT Account, on account of their lending in Triparty Repo, shall not be available for withdrawal by such Member.
- 7. Clearing Corporation shall have the right to utilize any of t he securities contributed to TPR Collateral by the Member and held in the CSGL Account and/ or GILT Account referred to above in Regulation D (2), above, to meet shortfalls and/ or deficiencies in the clearing and Settlement process arising out of a SettlementSettlement Shortage by the Member in such sequence of application as may be determined at the sole discretion of Clearing Corporation to be appropriate;
- 8. Clearing Corporation shall also be entitled to and shall be deemed to be authorized by its Members, to seek pledge, hypothecate, create any charge and/ or encumbrance over securities deposited by the "Member in Shortage" and the securities debited/ credited to its TPR GILT Account towards Triparty Repo borrowings and/ or 1 ending, for availing a 1 ine of credit/ repo facilities f rom RBI, banks, i nstitutions and/ or other ma rket participants i ncluding non Members, for t he purpose of clearing and Settlement of t he Tripart y Repo

t rades received & accepted for Settlement. e.g. If borrower defaults i n repa yment of borrowed funds t hen such borrower's securities debited to its GILT Account shall be utiliz ed for t he above purpose. In case of l ender's default in meeting funds obligations, t he securities to be credited to GILT Account of t he l ender towards such lending shall be ut i l iz ed for above purpose;

9. Clearing Corporation shall h ave a paramount l i en on contributions made by any of its Members to TPR Collateral, towards any amount due from such Members towards recovery of losses, charges, penalties or any other amount due to Clearing Corporation and Clearing Corporation shall be ent it led to utilize the contributions or the proceeds arising out of the contributions, if in the form of securities, to appropriate towards recover y of losses, charges, penalties or any other amount due to Clearing Corporation and any default obligations/ shortfalls/ deficiencies and/ or any other dues of such Member arising out of normal clearing and Settlement operations undertaken by Clearing Corporation as part of its normal day to day operations.

#### E. WITHDRAWAL FROM COLLATERAL

1. Members shall be entitle d t o withdraw t heir contributions t o TPR Collateral in ex cess of t heir outstanding obligations for Proprietary Trades and Constituent Trades respectivel y, t o cover t heir margin/ borrowing requirements and/ or an y other amount pa yable t o Clearing Corporation, b y giving prior notice as notified b y Clearing Corporation f rom time to time in t he format prescribed for this purpose.

For the purpose of permitting such withdrawals, a Clearing Member's margin obligation for their Proprietar y Trad es shall include the margin requirement of their Constituents, which is in excess of the margin contributed by the Clearing Member for the Constituent(s).

Explanation: The term Margin requirement referred hereinabove shall mean: In case of individual Constituent accounts, the margin obligation or the margin contributed (whichever is higher).

Members shall ensure at the time of lodging such requests for withdrawal of excess contributions f rom TPR Collateral, ei t her in t he form of cash and/ or securities, t hat the cash component of t heir contributions t o TPR Collateral does not fall below t he prescribed ratio/ minimum cash requirement after such withdrawal i s effected.

- 2. Securities available to Members in their GILT Account, on account of t heir l ending cannot be withdrawn.
- 3. Clearing Corporation may at any time reject a withdrawal request from a Member who has been placed under a moratorium or any other directions of RBI.

#### F. RECEIPTS AND DELIVERIES OF SECURITIES

1. Members shall contribute securities to TPR Collateral as notified by Clearing

- Corporation f rom t ime to t ime in multiples of market l ots i n relation to t heir respective margin obligations. Members shall deposit only such securities to TPR Collateral which are f ree from any encumbrances.
- 2. Members shall arrange to directly deposit their contributions of eli gible securities to the designated CSGL Account as per the work flow process notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.
- 3. Members shall ensure that a l l relevant details as required b y RBI t o carr y out such t ransa c t i ons in t he relative GILT Acco unts are furnished. Clearing Corporation shall not i n an y manner be responsible for any consequences that may arise on account of non-receipt of deposits f rom Members towards t heir contributions t o TPR Collateral.
- 4. Members shall be entitled to receive credit for deposits of securities i nto the CSGL Account with RBI upon receipt of confirmation f rom RBI that the securities have been credited i nto the respective CSGL Account of Clearing Corporation. Such credit shall be reckoned for the purpose of Margin/borrowing limit computation in respect of a Member when such credit intimation is received from RBI;
- 5. Members shall be entitled to withdraw securities f rom t heir contributions to TPR Collateral by giv i ng prior notice as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time in the format prescribed for the purpose. Clearing Corporation may honor such withdrawal request, provided the Member and its Constituent(s) as the case may be has no borrowing outstanding or any other utilization against such security.
  - Provided further that, i f such notice for withdrawal i s received i n respect of a security at a time when it would be falling into Shut Period or utilized for availing liquidity for handling the funds shortage of any Member and rendering such delivery as impossible, t hen such notice shall be considered to be invalid.
- 6. W i t hdrawal of securities by Members shall result in a corresponding reduction i n t heir collateral balances as and when i nstructions t o t ransfer such securities t o the Me mbers are i ssued by Clearing Corporation;
- 7. Members shall be entitled to substitute securities deposited as contribution to TPR CSGL Account a t RBI b y giving prior notice as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to t ime i n t he format prescribed for t he purpose. Such notice of substitution shall be t hrough two i ndependent processes, one for deposit of a securit y and t he other for withdrawal of a security, as per the work f l ow process notified b y Clearing Corporation f rom time to time, for deposit and with drawal of securities.
  - Provided that i f such notice for substitution i s received i n respect of such securities as are falling i nto Shut Period or utilized for availing liquidity for handling the funds shortage of any Member and rendering such substitution as impossible, then such notice shall be invalid.
- **8.** At t he t ime of making requests for substitution, Members shall ensure t hat t he security offered for substitution forms part of the securities el i gible for contribution t o TPR Collateral. Borrowers may substitute securities among t

he el igible securities and l enders shall be deemed to have given consent for such a security substitution. The value of t he securities deposited should be equal t o or greater t han t he value of securities being withdrawn. Borrowers shall not be all owed after commencement of Settlement process, as set out in Chapter V – Trade Settlement of t hese Regulations, to substitute securities being debited as part of t he Settlement process.

## G. CASH CONTRIBUTION TO COLLATERAL - PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

- 1. Members shall effect cash contribution t o TPR Collateral as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to t ime in relation to t heir respective Margin obligations.
- 2. Members shall arrange to deposit their contributions to TPR Collateral as per the work flow process notified by Cl earing Corporation from time to time.
- 3. Clearing Corporation shall not, i n an y manner, be responsible for an y consequences t hat may arise on account of non receipt of deposits f rom Members towards their cash contributions to TPR Collateral.
- 4. Members shall be entitled to receive credit for their cash deposits i nto TPR Collateral upon receipt of confirmation f rom RBI / DSB of credits i nto t he RTGS Account / Current Account of Clearing Corporation. The impact of such credits i n t he Member's TPR Collateral shall be reckoned at the t ime when credit intimation i s received f rom RBI / DSB;
  - W i t hdrawal of cash contributions by Members shall be with prior notice as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time in the format prescribed for the purpose. Such withdrawal shall result in a corresponding reduction in such Members Collateral balances as and when i nstructions to transfer such amounts to the Members are i ssued to RBI / DSB by Clearing Corporation.
- 5. Members shall monitor their' securities contributions to TPR collateral including collateral contributed on account of their Constituents to ensure that the securities falling due for redemption are withdrawn from TPR Collateral well in advance before the redemption date and substituted by eligible securities of equivalent value. In the event of their failing to do so, redemption proceeds receivable by the Members on such securities shall be received by Clearing Corporation for and on behalf of the Members in the manner and mode prescribed by RBI in respect of CSGL Accounts.
- Redemption proceeds received by Clearing Corporation shall be t reated as Member's cash contribution to TPR Collateral for its Proprietary Trades and / or its Constituent(s) Trades as the case may be.
- 7. Collateral s t a t ement of securities holdings and cash contributions shall be provided by Clearing Corporation t o Members.

## H. PORTING OF CONSTITUENT TRADES AND MARGINS HELD ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUENTS

- 1. Clearing Corporation may initiate Porting in the event of default of the Constituent's existing Clearing Member.
- 2. Clearing Corporation shall return the margins received on behalf of Constituents, as per the instruction of the respective Constituent provided however that: i) there are no trades pending for Settlement for such Constituent or ii) where the trades have already been ported to another Clearing Member.

#### **CHAPTER V: TRADE SETTLEMENT**

## A) KINDS OF TRADES

- 1. Save as otherwise provided, Trades are contracts relating to outright including when issued, Repo, Triparty Repo, GSL Transaction and Bond Forwards type with deliver y and payments as under:
  - (a) For "T+ 0" i.e., for delivery and payment on the same day as the date of the Trade:
  - (b) For "T+1" i.e., for delivery and payment on the working day following the Trade date:
  - (c) For "T+N" i.e., for delivery and payment on any working day greater than "T+1" as specified by RBI from time to time.
- 2. For "Repo and Triparty Repo Trades, the delivery and payment as above shall represent the deliver y and payment relating to the firstleg, which shall then qualify for reversal of actions on the reporeversal date.
- 3. GSL Transactions for Securities against security shall comprise of two repo trades wherein the security lender will get another security against the security lent. All GSL Transactions shall be treated as Repo Trades for the purpose of risk management, Settlement and Sudden Event Handling.
- **4.** Bond Forward Trades received for Settlement shall be settled along with outright Trades of the Member as referred in Para A) above.

#### B) TIMINGS

Unless otherwise specifically notified, timings for Clearing Corporation's acceptance of trades for Settlement shall be linked to the timings prescribed by RBI for the types of trades covered.

## **C)** RECEIPT OF TRADES BY CLEARING CORPORATION

Clearing Corporation shall receive details of trades from various sources as detailed under:

- (a) Outright secondary market t rades i n Government Securities: -
  - Trades reported by Members on RBI's Negotiated Dealing System (NDS)/
     NDS Order Matching System (NDS OM reporting module);
  - **ii.** Trades concluded by members on RBI's NDS Order Matching S ystem (NDS OM order matching module);
  - iii. From any other source as may be permitted by RBI f rom time to time.
- **(b)** Repo and GSL Transactions in Government Securities:
  - i. Trades reported by Members on RBI's NDS;
  - **ii.** Trades concluded by Members on Clearcorp's Repo Dealing System (CROMS order matching module);
  - **iii.** Trades reported by Members on Clearcorp's Repo Dealing System (CROMS reporting module);
  - iv. From any other source as may be permitted by RBI f rom time to time.

- (c) Tripart y Repo Trades in Government Securities:
  - i. Trades concluded by Members on Clearcorp's Tripart y Repo Dealing System;
  - **ii.** Trades reported by Members on Clearcorp's Triparty Repo reporting module;
  - iii. From any other source as may be permitted by RBI f rom time to time.
- (d) Bond Forward Trades in Government Securities:
  - i. Trades reported by Members to CCIL-TR using the Bond Forward Trade reporting functionality;
  - ii. From any other source as may be permitted by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.
- (e) Clearing Member shall be responsible to ensure that the trades, submitted to Clearing Corporation are only for Constituents who are 'eligible entities' in terms of applicable laws including but not limited to RBI Repurchase Transactions (Repo) (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018, RBI (Forward Contracts in Government Securities) Directions, 2025, as amended from time to time, or such instructions issued by RBI from time to time.

## D) ACCEPTANCE OF TRADES

- 1. Upon receipt of trades for Clearing and Settlement, as detailed in Regulation (C) above, Clearing Corp oration shall accept such Trade/s after verification of Risk Exposure Limits in respect of each individual Member and its Constituent as enumerated in Chapter V I I I "Risk Management" in these Regulations;
- **2.** Trades accepted shall be c l assified as under:
  - 2.1 Trades Guaranteed for Settlement

Trades t hat fall within Members' Risk Exposure Limits will be accepted and guaranteed for Settlement by Clearing Corporation.

## 2.2 Trades exceeding Risk Exposure Limit

- a) Trades t hat fall be youd Member's Risk Ex posure Limit;
- b) Such Trades may be accepted (vis a vis such Members) for Settlement without guarantee by Clearing Corporation.
  Trades once accepted without guarantee would qualify f or guaranteed Settlement only upon receipt of additional contributions t o Member's MCC / TPR Co 11 at eral to cover the shortfall resulting f rom a breach of the exposure 1 imit; Such trade(s) shall be accepted by Clearing Corporation at its discretion;
- c) Acceptance of such trade(s) by Clearing Corporation shall not constitute any obligation on its part to accept such trades on a future date nor will it bestow any right to the Member to insist on acceptance of such trades on a future date.

## E) REJECTION OF TRADES

Clearing Corporation shall have the discretion to reject t rades received by i t for Settlement under t he following conditions:

- 1. W hen Trades reported by the Member have exceeded the Member's Risk Exposure Limits for its Proprietary Trades and / or its Constituents' Trades;
- When one of the parties to the trade has been suspended or has been rendered ineligible to avail of Clearing Corporation's services whether temporarily or otherwise;
- 3. When one of the parties to the trade is no longer a Member or a Constituent of the Member;
- 4. When the trade has been received by Clearing Corporation after cut-off timing, as prescribed by RBI/ Clearing Corporation from time to time, rendering the clearing and Settlement of the relative trade for that Settlement Date impossible, for example, if the trade(s) has been received after the commencement of the clearing and Settlement process for that Settlement Date it shall not be possible to accept such a trade;
- **5.** When there is any inaccuracy in the reporting of the trade viz., incorrect Member ID etc;
- **6.** All t rades in 'when issued' instruments shall be rejected on cancellat ion of auction by RBI;
- 7. In the event of a disruption of any kind as provided for in Chapter IX of these Regulations.

## F) STATUS OF TRADES

All t rades received by Clearing Corporation f rom its Members t hrough any of the sources enumerated in Regulation (C) of Chapter V above for clearing and Settlement through Clearing Corporation have to be specifically a ccepted for Settlement by Clearing Corporation. If at the end of a settlement cycle, a specific t rade has not been accepted, such t rade shall be deemed to have been rejected by Clearing Corporation.

## **G)** SETTLEMENT REGULATIONS FORM PART OF CONTRACTS

The Regulation f rom time to time i n force relating t o any procedure for Settlement of t rades and t he resolutions, notices, directions and decisions of t he relevant a uthority for the time being i n force shall form part of every contract for all accepted t rades.

#### H) SETTLEMENT PROCESS

1. Settlement of Trades shall be effected t hrough a process of novation, based on a multilateral netting basis or bilateral netting basis or gross basis or t rade for t rade basis or any other basis as may be permitted by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

- 2. Obligations of Members arising there f rom for effecting deliver y and/ or receiving securities, and pa ying and/ or receiving funds shall constitute t he settlement obligations of Members;
- **3.** Settlement shall be f i nal and i r revocable when t he net obligations are determined.

## 1) SETTLEMENT OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

- 1. Settlement Obligations of all trades shall be met by deliver y and/or payment by the Members to the Clearing Corporation in the following manner:—
- 2. On the Settlement Date, a 11 securities deliverable by Members to the Clearing Corporation shall be received by credit into the Settlement SGL Ac count of Clearing Corporation with RBI. For Tripart y Repo t rades a 11 securities deliverable by Members to Clearing Corporation shall be received by credit into the TPR Repo Settlement GILT Account maintained by Clearing Corporation.
- 3. On t he Settlement date, a l l funds deliverable b y Members t o the Clearing Corporation shall be received by credit i nto the RTGS Settlement Account / Settlement Current Account of the Clearing Corporation with RBI and/ or t he DSB (as applicable).

## J) MODES OF DELIVERY

- 1. Clearing Corporation may from time to time prescribe different modes of deliveries and conditions relating thereto. Without prejudice to the generality of the above, modes of deliveries for a 11 Trades are specified as under:
  - 1.1. Security receipts and deliveries towards outright, repo, GSL Transactions and Bond Forward Trades shall be carried out through SGL/CSGL of the Member and / or through the GILT Accounts of the Constituent / CSGL Account of the depositor y for Demat t rades wherever applicable. Securities receipts and deliveries towards Triparty Repo Trades shall be carried out through the Triparty Repo Gilt Account of the Member and its Constituent maintained by Clearing Corporation. The RBI regulations/ guidelines relating to SGL and CSGL/GILT Accounts shall be deemed to form part of any settlement process so prescribed;
  - 1.2. Funds receipts and deliveries shall be effected through RTGS settlement account / Current Accounts maintained with RBI and/ or DSB. The RBI Regulations relating to RTGS Settlement Account / Current Accounts maintained with them as well as t erms of t he concerned DSB (where funds settlements are to be achieved through t hem) shall be deemed to form part of any settlement process so prescribed.

## **K)** OBLIGATION REPORTS

**2.** Clearing Corporation shall generate and provide to each Member the following obligation reports:

## 2.1. Securities Obligation Report

- a). Shall comprise of security- wise position of a Member for its outright, Repo, when issued, GSL Transactions and Bond Forward Trades, on its own account or for its Constituents, for which deliveries are to be given and/or received by it in its SGL and CSGL Account or GILT Account maintained with RBI or the Demat Accounts maintained with a Depository Participant on a Settlement Date. In respect of Triparty Repo, a report shall be provided to the Members, comprising of security delivered by and/or received by the Member from/to, their TPR GILT Account maintained with Clearing Corporation, on account of its Triparty Repo Trades on its own account or for its Constituents:
- **b).** Shall be deemed to be Member's confirmation of security-wise position for which deliveries are to be given and/ or received by the Member on a Settlement Date;
- **c).** Shall be deemed to be the Member's instruction to RBI/ Clearing Corporation, for effecting these transactions in its SGL Account/ CSGL and its Constituent's GILT Account with RBI/DEMAT Account with Depository Participant / TPR GILT Account maintained with Clearing Corporation.
- d). In cases where t he Settlement i s t hrough multilateral netting, the security (ISIN) wise position of a Member would represent the net position for all outright, repo, 'when issued', GSL Transactions and Bond Forward Trades in respect of that security for Settlement at SGL and CSGL Account or GILT / DEMAT Accounts. In case of Triparty Repo trades the security (ISIN) wise position for all Triparty Repo trades would represent the net position for Settlement at TPR GILT Account maintained with Clearing Corporation.

## **2.2.** Funds Obligation Report

- a). Shall comprise of net funds payable and/or receivable by a Member for Proprietary Trades and Constituents' Trades made by it for all outright, repo, 'when issued', GSL Transactions, Triparty Repo trades and Bond Forward together falling due for Settlement on Settlement Date as determined by Clearing Corporation;
- **b).** Shall be deemed to be a Member's confirmation of the different trades for which, funds are to be received from and/or paid to the Member on Settlement Date;
- c). Shall be deemed to be a Member's instructions to RBI/ DSB for effecting these transactions in its RTGS/ Current Account.

## L) DELIVERY IN PART

A Member with receivable position shall accept part delivery of the securities receivable by him. The undelivered portion of the security shall be dealt with in

accordance with Chapter VII of these regulations relating to "Settlement Shortage and Defaults".

## M) FAILURE IN DELIVERY

If a Selling Member fails to deliver securities on Settlement Date, for it self or its Constituent, it shall be considered as an act of shortage by that Member. Such shortage shall be dealt with as provided in Chapter VII of these Regulations relating to "Settlement Shortage & Defaults".

## N) FAILURE IN PAYMENT

If a buying Member fails to pay funds on Settlement Date, it shall be considered as an act of shortage by that Member. Such shortage shall be dealt with as provided in Chapter VII in these Regulations relating to "Settlement Shortage & Defaults".

## O) FAILURE TO RECEIVE DELIVERY OF SECURI TIES/ FUNDS

If a Member fails to take up securities and/ or funds delivered to it by Clearing Corporation on t he Settlement Date, t he relative funds and/ or securities shall be retained by Clearing Corporation for and on behalf of that Member without any cost, risk and/ or responsibility to itself and/ or any of its officials. In that case, Clearing Corporation shall be deemed to have delivered relative securities/ funds on the original Settlement Date.

## P) PAY OUT TO THE CONSTITUENTS BY THE CLEARING MEMBER

Clearing Member shall ensure that pay out of funds and / or securities are made to the respective Constituent(s) on the relevant Settlement day.

# Q) PORTING OF CONSTITUENT TRADES RECEIVED FROM A CLEARING MEMBER

Clearing Corporation may initiate Port ing of outstanding trades of Constituent in the event of default of the Constituent's existing Clearing Member.

# R) RECIEPT OF FUNDS FROM CLEARING MEMBER'S CONSTITUENTS THROUGH PAYMENT GATEWAY

- a). Clearing Corporation may receive funds f rom the Constituent of a Clearing Member through Payment Gateway interfaced with NDS OM.
- **b).** The settlement process and Risk Management for trades received from NDS-OM interfaced with Payment Gateway, shall be as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.

## S) PREFUNDING

Members shall be provided with an option to opt for Prefunding facility to avail Prefunded Limits facility in respect of such Trades in such Securities as may be notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time. Such Prefunding may be either for the Members themselves or on behalf of their Constituent(s). The work flow process for Prefunding facility of Funds and/or Securities shall be as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.

#### S.1 Prefunding of Collateral in form of Funds

- **a)** Members shall effect Prefunding of Collateral in form of Funds by crediting the Funds to the account as notified by Clearing Corporation.
- **b)** Members shall ensure that all relevant details as required to facilitate Prefunding are furnished to Clearing Corporation. Clearing Corporation shall not be held responsible or liable for any consequences arising out of failure of the same.
- c) Members shall be entitled to receive Prefunded Limits against Prefunding upon receipt of confirmation by Clearing Corporation of credit of Funds to Clearing Corporation's notified account.
- **d**) A Member may effect Prefunding within the prescribed Cut-Off Time as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.
- Prefunding shall be appropriated towards the Securities Segment Funds Settlement Obligation of Members. Excess Prefunding, if any shall continue to be held by Clearing Corporation on behalf of the respective Member for availing Prefunded Limits.
- **f**) Payout of Funds, excluding the excess Prefunding, if any, shall be made to the account of the Member.
- **g**) No interest shall however be paid by Clearing Corporation on Prefunding provided by a Member.
- h) Members shall be entitled to withdraw the excess Prefunding, if any, by giving prior notice as per the work flow process notified by Clearing Corporation.

#### **S.2 Prefunding of Securities**

- a) Members shall ensure the Prefunding of Securities by transferring Security(ies) to the designated SGL Account of the Clearing Corporation.
- **b**) Members shall ensure that all relevant details as required to facilitate Prefunding are furnished to Clearing Corporation. Clearing Corporation shall not be held responsible or liable for any consequences arising out of

- failure of the same.
- c) Members shall be entitled to receive Prefunded Limits against Prefunding upon receipt of Securities in Clearing Corporation's SGL Account.
- **d)** A Member may effect Prefunding of Securities within the specified Cut-Off Time as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.
- e) Prefunding of Securities shall be appropriated towards the Securities Segment Securities Settlement Obligation of the Members. Excess Prefunding of Securities, if any, shall continue to be held by Clearing Corporation on behalf of the respective Member for availing Prefunding Limits.
- **f**) Pay-out of Securities, excluding the excess Prefunding of Securities, if any, shall be credited to the SGL or CSGL Account of the Member.
- g) Clearing Corporation shall credit the coupon, redemption proceeds, if any, on Prefunding to respective account of the Member recorded with Clearing Corporation upon receipt of credit for the same from RBI.
- h) Members shall be entitled to withdraw the excess Prefunding, if any, by submitting a prior notice as per the work flow process notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.

## **CHAPTER VI: LIMITS AND MARGINS**

## A). MARGIN REQUIREMENTS

Clearing Corporation may, f rom time to time, prescribe requirements of margins for outright, Repo, Triparty Repo and GSL Transactions, Bond Forward Trades and also borrowing limit for Triparty Repo Trades settled t hrough Clearing Corporation and the Members shall furnish such margins and collateral for borrowing l imit on their own account and on account of their Constituents as a condition precedent.

## **B).** MARGIN COMPONENTS

The margins to be provided by the Members shall comprise of:

## 1. Initial Margi n

Initial Margin constitutes the Margin obligation required t o be fulfilled by a Member as its contribution t o MCC / TPR Collateral in relation to risk exposure on outstanding Trades accepted for Clearing and Settlement by Clearing Corporation in respect of that Member and its Constituents.

## 2. Mark to Market Margin

i. Mark to Market Margin constitutes the Margin obligation required to be fulfilled by a Member as its contribution to MCC / TPR Collateral in relation to adverse price movements arising out of the daily marking to market exercise (outlined in the Chapter relating to "Risk Management" in these Regulations) on o utstanding Trades accepted for Clearing and Settlement by Clearing Corporation in respect of t hat Member and its Constituents.

## 3. Volatility Marg in

- i. Volatilit y Margin constitute s the Margin obligation s required t o be fulfilled by a Member as its contribution to MCC / TPR Collateral in relation to sudden i ncrease in Volatilit y in interest rates / bond prices and shall be applied, at the discretion of Clearing Corporation, on
  - **I.** outstanding Trades in respect of a Member and its Constituents; and/or
  - **II.** securities contribution t o MCC/ TPR Collateral;

The Members shall be dul y notified by Clearing Corporation prior to the collection and/or maint enance of volatility margin, as and when needed.

## 4. Concentration Margin

Concentration margin constitutes the margin obligation required to be fulfilled by a Member in relation to its outstanding exposure including the exposure on account of its Constituents to a security or to a group of securities, for a Settlement date or for a number of Settlement Dates, beyond pre-determined limit(s);

Clearing Corporation shall, when ever required, stipulate such margin from any future date after due notification to its Members.

## 5. Borrowing Limit

Clearing Corporation shall determine the borrowing limit separately for

Members and each of their Constituents for their borrowings under Triparty Repo Trades. The borrowing limit shall be determined after valuation of securities in Member's and each of its Constituent's TPR GILT Accounts as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time. The limit so determined shall be available for borrowing by the Member and its Constituents respectively under Triparty Repo. Clearing Corporation may at its sole discretion appropriate unutilized balances in the borrowing limit of the Member and its Constituent towards their initial margin requirements for Triparty Repo Trades.

## C). LIEN ON MARGINS

A Member's contribution (including contributions made for its Constituents) by way of margins either in the form of cash or securities shall be subject to a first and paramount lien for all sums due to Clearing Corporation by such Member. However, any sum due f rom the Member, shall not be utilized f rom the Margin contribution

of the Constituent or when i t i s for a Constituent, it shall not be f rom the contributions for other Constituents.

Provided however that, i n the event of a shortfall or an y sum due from the Constituent, Clearing Corporation may utilize the Member's contribution. Margin shall be available in preference to all other claims against the Member for the due fulfillment of its obligations and liabilities arising out of or incidental to any deals made subject to Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations of Clearing Corporation or anything done in pursuance thereof.

## D). SUSPENSION ON FAILURE TO PAY MARGIN

Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in these Regulations: -

- 1. If a Member fails to fulfill its margin obligation on more than s ix occasions in a financial half year, Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to temporarily suspend the membership rights of such a Member;
- 2. A Member, in the event of shortfall in its margin / borrow ing limit shall be deactivated from the Tripart y Repo Dealing System/reporting module operated by Clearcorp, on receipt of such direction from Clearing Corporation. Clearing Corporation shall direct Clearcorp to reactivate such Member on its dealing system upon replenishment of the margin / borrowing limit.
- A Member shall be 1 i able to pay penalt y when notified by Clearing Corporation on the Margin shortfall for the period of delay in fulfilling its margin obligations. While computing penalt y, only business day may be reckoned provided such penalty and margin default is paid/replenished by the defaulting Member on the next business day. However, in the event of failure by a Member to honor its obligation on the next business day, as above, the actual number of days including intervening holid ays, Sunday and nonbusiness days shall be reckoned for calculation of penalty amount;

- 4. Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to recover additional penalties/ charges from the Member as per rates notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time;
- In case of margin shortfall by a Member, Clearing Corporation, a t its sole discretion, may withhold securities or funds pay out to such Member. Such withheld securities or funds would qualify for release only on the Member meeting the margin short fall;
- 6. The membership of a Member who has been subjected to temporarysuspension due to non–fulfillment of Margin obligation on more than six occasions in a financial half year shall automatically come up for review;
- 7. Clearing Corporation may reinstate a suspended Member upon a review of its action in fulfillment of its Margin obligations and interest/other charges due to Clearing Corporation.

## **E).** Margin Reporting by Clearing Member

A Clearing Member who has deposited margin for a group of Constituents shall report the value of the margin allocated by it for each of its Constituent/s in t hat group. Such reporting shall be carried out in a manner as notified by Clearing Corporation and may be done multiple t imes during t he day. Where such value of margin reported as allocated by the Clearing Member to any Constituent exceeds the actual margin obligation computed for such Constituent, the Clearing Corporation shall block such excess amount f rom the margin made available by the Clearing Member.

## **F).** Margin deposi t ed by Clearing Member on account of the Constituent s

- i. The Clearing Member shall in respect of its Constituents deposit with Clearing Corporation margin in the form of cash and / or eligible securities. Where such margin is deposited for a group of Constituents, the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to rely on the information received from a Clearing Member in terms of E above with respect to the margin allocated by it for each of the Constituents in that group.
- ii. The Clearing Member shall also ensure that such margin deposited by i t on behalf of a Constituent or a group of Constituents shall at all t imes be at least equal to the total margin obligation of such Constituent or group of Constituents. Provided however, where the margin allocated in terms of Regulation E above is higher than the margin obligation of one or more Constituents in a group, the Clearing Member shall ensure that the margin deposited for the group is adequate to cover such excess amount allocated. Margin obligation shall mean margin obliga t ion of the Member drawn from the MCC.
- **iii.** Margin shortfalls if any on account of Constituents shall be covered from the excess margins made available by the Clearing Member on its own account.

## CHAPTER VII: SETTLEMENT SHORTAGE & DEFAULTS

## A). SETTLEMENT SHORTAGE

Failure of a Member (hereinafter referred t o as a "Member in shortage") to discharge its Proprietary and / or Constituents' obligation in full or in part to deliver funds and/ or securities due f rom i t at the t ime of Settlement shall be t reated as a SettlementSettlement Shortage.

## B). DECLARATION OF DEFAULT

A Member, for the purpose of t hese Regulations may be declared as a defaulter in the event of:

- **A.** Failure to replenish its Settlement Shortage within the s t i pulated cut off t ime;
- **B.** Fail ure t o replenish its and / or its Constituent(s) margin obligation within the s t i pulated cut off t ime;
- C. Inabilit y t o pa y within specified t ime t he damages and t he price differences due on account of c l osing out effected as per Bye- Laws and Rules of Clearing Corporation;
- **D.** Failure of a Mem ber t o replenish t he Default Fund contribution within the t ime s t ipulated;
- **E.** Insolvency or dissolution or winding up of t he Members;
- **F.** Declaration of the Member as a "Defaulter" in any other Segment;
- **G.** Under any other c i reumstances as ma y be set out in t he Bye Laws and Rules of Clearing Corporation.

Provided i f t he Member - in- shortage has been placed under moratorium or an y other directions b y RBI due t o which such Member i s not able to replenish t he shortage t hen t he appropriation of withheld Securities and / or cash i ncluding its MCC/ TPR Collateral contributions ma y be i nitiated b y Clearing Corporation without declaring such Member as a Defaulter. The penalty, charges and other cost applicable shall be as notified t o such Member.

## C). DELIVERIES DUE TO THE MEMBER IN SHORTAGE/ DEFAULTER

- 1. Clearing Corporation shall have absolute and paramount r i ghts/ lien overall securities and/ or funds due t o t he Member i n shortage/ defaulter;
- 2. Securities/ Funds held back by Clearing Corporation f rom a Member i n shortage/ defaulter's Settlement obligations and/ or MCC / TPR Collateral contributions shall be deemed to have been received by i t and delivered by i t to Clearing Corporation t owards meeting its shortage/ Default Obligation without any cost to Clearing Corporation;
- 3. Clearing Corporation shall have t he r i ght t o dispose of t he securities and appl y t he relative sale proceeds and/ or funds withheld f rom t he defaulter, t

- o make good an y non- pa yment of funds or non deliver y of securities b y t he defaulter.
- 4. Clearing Corporation may not permit any withdrawal by the Member in Shortage from its MCC / Tri part y Repo Collateral contribution until the replenishment / recover y / payment of all its dues to Clearing Corporation arising out of such shortage.

#### D). PENALTY ON SETTLEMENT SHORTAGE / DEFAULT

Clearing Corporation shall impose on a Member in shortage / defaulter, penalty and such other charges as may be notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time. While computing number of days for levying penalty, only business days may be reckoned provided such penalt y and shortage obligation is paid / replenished by the Member in shortage on the next business day after the day on which shortage occurs. However, in the event of failure by a Member to honor its obligation on the next business day, as above, the actual number of days including intervening holidays, Sunday and non-business days shall be reckoned for calculation of penalty amount.

## E). WITHHOLDING OF SECURITIES AND FUNDS

Notwithstanding anything contained in t hese Regulations, Clearin g Corporation may withhold, for such period(s) as it may deci de, pay - out of any securities and/ or funds including securities and/ or funds constituting Margins for Proprietary Trades and/ or Constituents' Trades, without any cost to Clearing Corporation, if a Member has not delivered the required securities obligation or fail edit o discharge its payment obligations on the SettlementSettlement Date; or

- (1) A Member fails to satisfy the Margin requirements for itself and / or its Constituent(s); or
- (2) A Member fails to fulfill any obligations arising out of Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

## F). SHORTAGE HANDLING PROCEDURE

#### 1. Shortage of Funds

1.1. Subject t o other provisions of t hese Regulations, Clearing Corporation shall make good t he Funds shortage, at the cost of t he Member in shortage, b y availing t he Funds 1 i ne of credit / 1 i quidit y available or by borrowing Funds f rom t he market. The Securities deliverable t o t he Member in shortage for itself and / or its Constituent(s) shall be withheld to cover t he value of shortfall

/ or its Constituent(s) shall be withheld to cover t he value of shortfall together with such amount to cover i nterest on t he Funds outla y and an y f l uctuation in price of Security (ies), until f i nal Settlement. Such Security (ies) shall be valued at the lowest price of t he outright Trades received for Settlement on t he day of shortage (ex c luding Trades).

below Rs. 5 crores (reckoned on t he basis of face value) and Trades at off - market price as identified by Clearing Corporation a t its sole reasonable discretion) along with t he proportionate accrued i nterest. If no Trade in such Security (ies) i s received for Settlement b y Clearing Corporation on such day, t hen at i ts sole discretion, t he Clearing Corporation may value such Securities at e i t her its Mark to Market price or a price considered fair by i t and an additional amount will be provided to cover the price f l uctuations t i l l f i nal Settlement. Such Securities withheld shall be the minimum face value of lot s ize or multiples of such lot s iz e as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to time. In case the value of the Securit y deliverable i s i nsufficient t o cover the shortfall as above or t he value of the shortfall i s very small, Clearing Corporation shall be entitled, at its sole discretion, t o block t he Margin contributions of t he Member (i.e. free balances in its MCC account) to cover shortfall amount.

In case such funds shortage i s on part of:

- (1) a borrower on Tripart y Repo Trade reversal date, t hen securities equivalent in value t o t he extent of repa yment amount along with other cost and charges t owards utiliz ation of l i nes of credit and price f l uctuations of underl ying collateral shall be withheld b y Clearing Corporation;
- (2) a lender not pa ying funds on Triparty Repo 1 s t l eg Settlement Settlement Date, then i ni t i a l margin and corresponding credit of securities equivalent i n value t o t he exte nt of l ending a l ong with other cost and charges t owards utiliz ation of l i nes of credit shall be withheld b y Clearing Corporation.
- 1.2. Shortage a 1 l ocation: Clearing Corporation shall i nit i ate a 1 l measures as are prudent and necessar y t o meet funds shortage i n order to ensure t hat t rades are settled and a 1 l Members ex cept the Member in shortage, receive funds and/ or securities due t o t hem. However, i n t he event of Clearing Corporation not being in a position t o meet the funds shortfall, Clearing Corporation shal l have the r i ght to a 1 l ocate such shortage among the other Members with net funds receivable positions (hereinafter referred to as 'Allocatee Members') and t he Members shall be deemed t o have given consent to such shortage a 1 l ocation. The i dentification of t he Members to whom t he shortage t o be a 1 l ocated shall be as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time;
- **1.3.** The Member in shortage/ defaulter shall be liable to meet its obligations in terms of sub-Regulation (G) below relating to "Effects of Settlement Shortage / Default".
- **1.4.** In case of the shortage allocation as in 1.2 above the Member in shortage / defaulter shall be liable to pay:
  - (a) amount equivalent to loss incurred by Allocatee Members due to

- fall in price, if any, of the relative securities; and
- (b) charges and penalties as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time;
- **1.5.** In cases of shortage a 1 l ocation, the Allocatee Members shall be entitled to receive amount equivalent t o l oss i neurred b y i t, i f an y, due t o fall in, value of t he relative securit y(i es) on t he nex t Business Day;
- 1.6. The fall i n value of relative securities shall be computed based on difference between the price (including proportionate accrued interest) a t which the relative securities have been sold by t he Allocatee Member on t he business day nex t t o t he date of such shortage a l l ocation and the price (i ncluding accrued i nterest) at which shortage was valued as per sub-Regulation 1. 2 above. However, when t he Allocatee Member does t he t rade at a price, which i n the opinion of Clearing Co rporation i s not i n l i ne with market price for the securit y a t the material t ime, difference between t he price at which shortage was valued on the day of shortage and e i t her t he mark t o market price or a price considered fair b y Clearing Corporation as dec i ded at its sole discretion on the next business day shall be the basis for computation of the compensation;
- 1.7. An y loss suffered by t he non defaulting Member on account of the sale of t he said securities due to fall in the price on the next business day is required to be claimed by the Allocatee Member(s) in writing within two business days from the date of shortage Allocation.

## 2. Shortage of Securities

Subject t o other provisions of t hese Regulations, Clearing 2.1. Corporation shall make good t he Securities shortage, a t the cost of the Member in shortage, f rom t he C l earing Corporations' SGL account and/ or MCC and / or t he securities l i ne of credit available. The Funds deliverable to the Member in shortage shall be withheld t o cover the amount of shortfall. To arrive at the value of shortfall, the highest price of t he outright Trades received for Settlement on the day of shortage (ex cluding Trades below Rs. 5 crores (face value) and off - market Trades as identified by Clearing Corporation) a long with proportionate ac crued interest shall be considered. If no Trade in such Security(i es) i s received for Settlement b y Clearing Corporation on such day, t hen a t its sole discretion Clearing Corporation may value such Securities at e i t her its Mark t o Market price or a price considered fair by i t. In t he event no Funds are pa yable t o the Member in shortage or funds pa yable are i nsufficient to cover the shortfall, Securities deliverable to the Member in shortage shall be withheld to cover the value of shor t fal l. Such Security (i es) shall be valued at the lowest price of t he outright Trades received for

Settlement on the day of Default (ex cluding Trades below Rs. 5 crores (face value) and off - market Trades as i dentified by Clearing Corporation) along with the proportionate accrued interest. If no Trade i n such Securit y(i es) i s received for Settlement b y Clearing Corporation on such day, t hen at its sole discretion, Clearing Corporation may value the Securities on the basis of the Mark to Market price or a price considered fair by i t. An additional amount shall a l so be provided t o cover t he price f l uctuations t i l l f i nal Settlement and other charges as per sub-Regulation 2.5 below. Such Securities withheld shall be the minimum face value or multiples of lot size as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time. In case the value of t he Funds/ Securities withheld is insufficient to cover the shortfall as above or t he value of shortfall is very small, Clearing Corporation shall be entitled, a t its sole discretion, to block the Margins contributions of the Member and/or its Constituent to whom t he shortage i s i dentified (i. e. f ree balances in its MCC account) to cover shortfall amount;

2.2. Shortage allocation: - Clearing Corporation shall initiate all measures that are prudent and necessary to meet securities shortage to ensure t hat t rades are settled and all Members except the Member in shortage, receive funds and / or securities as due to them. However, i n t he event of Clearing Corporat i on not being i n a position to meet t he shortfall in a particular securit y, Clearing Corporation shall have the right to allocate such shortfall. The identification of the Members (Allocatee Members) to whom the shortage is to be allocated shall be as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to time. The Allocatee Members having net receivable position in t hat securit y, shall be compensated by pa ying them cash compensation as described below. Such compensation will be paid based on the highest price of the outright Trades received for Settlement on the day of shortage (excluding trades below Rs. 5 crores (face value) and off- market trades as identified by Clearing Corporation) along with the proportionate accrued interest. If no trade in such security (i es) i s received for Settlement b y Clearing Corporation on such day t hen at its sole discretion Clearing Corporation may value such securities at e i t her its mark to market price or a price considered fair by it. Such Members to whom shortage has been a l l ocated s hall be deemed t o have given consent t o such a 11 ocation of t he shortfall. Clearing Corporation i n specific cases may be in a position to allocate such shortage to the counterparty(s) of the defaulting Member wherever feasible a tits sole discretion at t he t raded price. If such shortage a 1 l ocation i s on account of a Member's Repo 1 st leg of t ransaction, t hen Clearing Corporation ma y withdraw the 2 <sup>nd</sup> l eg for the equivalent face value of the security f rom its 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 eg repo t ransaction due for Settlement at future date. In

- case of GSL Transactions consisting of two Repo trades, for a shortage in one of the repos, if allocated to the counterparty of the trade, only the corresponding 2<sup>nd</sup> leg for that Repo will be withdrawn from Settlement by Clearing Corporation;
- 2.3. In the event of Allocatee Member opting for securities substitution in l i eu of t he securit y i n which there i s a shortage, Clearing Corporation may provide another l iquid security of equivalent value i f t he Member has indicated its will i ngness for such substitution i n writing well in advance. Such mandate f rom the Member shall be i n force t i l l its revocation b y such Member. For t he purpose of valuation of securities under substitution, MTM prices of Clearing Corporation and the accrued interest will be t aken i nto consideration. However, this procedure will be implemented after getting appropriate regulatory approval and with due notification;
- **2.4.** The Member in shortage/ defaulter shall be liable to meet its obligations in terms of sub-Regulation(G) below relating to "Effects of Settlement Shortage/ Default";
- **2.5.** If Clearing Corporation resorts t o the provisions of sub Regulation (2. 2) above, t he Member in shortage shall be l iable t o pa y as under:
  - (a). An amount equivalent to t he l oss due t o t he i ncrease in price on t he next business day, i f an y, of t he relative securit y(i es) c l aimed by Allocatee Member(s) and/ or i n case of repo t rades, i f a l l ocated at t rade price, l oss of repo i nterest on funds (total consideration) upto a maximum of repo i nterest of t he t rade on funds remained undeplo yed;
  - (b). Charges, penalties and any incidental charges for security shortage as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.
- **2.6.** If Clearing Corporation resorts t o action under t he provisions of Regulation a t (2. 2) above, the Allocatee Member shall be entitled t o receive:
  - (a) amount(s) equivalent to l oss due t o r i se i n price, i f an y, of such securities; or
  - (b) in case of Repo t rades, i f al l ocated a t t rade price, l oss of interest up t o a max imum of repo interest of t he t rade on funds remaining un deployed.
- 2.7. The increase i n value of t he securities shall be computed as the differential between t he price/ weighted average price at which such securities are bought by the Allocatee Member(s) on the business day nex t to the shortage date and the price at which such security was valued for allocation on the date of shortage. However, when the non-defaulting Member does the trade at a price which in the opinion of Clearing Corporation is not in conformity with market price for the security at the time of trade, difference between the shortage valuation price on the date of default and e it her MTM price on the

- nex t business day or a price considered fair by Clearing Corporation a t its sole discretio n shall be the basis for computation of the compensation;
- **2.8.** An y l oss suffered by t he Allocatee Member due to r i se i n the price of t he security on t he next business day i s required to be claimed by such Member(s) in writing within two working days f rom t he date of al location:
- **2.9.** To facilitate creation of marketable lots in case of a shortage a 1 l ocation, Clearing Corporation shall have absolute and paramount r i ght t o utiliz e onl y a rounded off portion f rom t he securit y balance l ying i n the SGL acc oun t of t he Member in shortage / defaulter, for Settlement of his securities obligation.

## G). EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT SHORTAGE / DEFAULT

The process outlined below shall be contingent upon the occurrence of a shortage / default;

## 1. Funds shortage / Def ault

- 1.1. The Member- in- Shortage/ Defaulter shall be 1 i able t o make good the pa yment equivalent t o the shortfall t ogether with charges, penalties and other l evies as, notified by Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to t ime, within the specified cut off t ime. Provided however, i n t he event of an y shortfall b y a Clearing Member, the amount(s) received f rom an y Constituent of t he Clearing Member t hrough the NDS OM Payment Gatewa y, shall be reduced f rom t he t otal shortfall position and only t he balance amount shall be considered as "shortage" and dealt i n accordance with the "Settlement Shortage and Defaults" chapter of the regulations.
- **1.2.** Clearing Corporation, upon confirmation about receipt of Funds into its Current/ RTGS settlement account, shall arrange t o return t he Securities/ MCC/ TPR Collateral withheld f rom t he Member in shortage;
- 1.3. In t he event of t he Member in shortage not making pa yment equivalent to the shortage t ogether with charges, penalties and other I evies as described above, Clearing Corporation shall have the r i ght t o declare the Member as a defaulter. Upon declaration of such Member as a defaulter, Clearing Corporation may sell and/or dispose off, i n any manner it may deem fit, the securities withheld from the defaulter adequate to cover the default obligation and apply the proceeds for discharge of the defaulter's obligation. Excess amounts, if any, realized from such sale/disposal shall be payable to the defaulter together with excess unsold securities withheld, if any;
- **1.4.** In t he event of t he sale proceeds of t he Securities withheld f rom the defaulter not full y sufficient t o cover t he Default Obligation, Clearing

- Corporation shall appropriate the defaulter's cash contribution to MCC/TPR Collateral towards recover y of its Default Obligation;
- 1.5. In the event of the sale proceeds of the Securities withheld from the defaulter and its cash contribution to MCC / TPR Collateral not full y sufficient to cover the Default Obligation, Clearing Corporation shall sell and/or dispose off, in any manner as it may deem fit (adequate to cover the Default Obligation), the defaulter's Securities contribution to MCC / TPR Collateral towards recover y of its Default Obligation;
- 1.6. In the event of the sale proceeds of the Securities withheld from the Member in shortage/ default er and its cash and Securities contribution to MCC / TPR Collateral not fully sufficient to cover the Default Obligation, the defaulter shall be liable to meet the shortfall in its Default Obligation to Clearing Corporation together with interest, charge s, and penalties at the applicable rate as specified by Clearing Corporation;
- 1.7. In case t he securities, withheld f rom the Member in shortage/ defaulter, enter i nto a Shut Period on the date when t he sale/ disposal process falls due under these Regulations, the redemption proceeds received by Clearing Corporation shall be used to cover t he default obligations;
- 1.8. In case t he Securities withheld f rom t he defaulter under these Regulations are not sal eable, t he Securities contributed by t he defaulter to MCC/TPR Coll ateral may be disposed off pending sale/disposal of t he withheld Securities;

  In case the Securities contributed by defaulter to MCC/TPR Collateral, enter i nto a Shut Period on the date when the sale/disposal process falls due under these Regulations, the redemption proceeds received by Clearing Corporation shall be used to cover the Default Obligations.

## 2. Securities Shortage / Default

2.1. The Member committing securit y shortage shall be l i able to deliver t he security i n which shortage has been committed, t ogether with charges, penalties and other l evies within the specified cutoff t ime as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to t ime. In case t he security i n which shortage has been committed enters into Shut Period, the Member in shortage shall be l i able to deliver the redemption proceeds i ncluding i nterest amount on such security (i es) and Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to receive such amount. Clearing

Corporation, upon confirmation about receipt of redemption proceeds a 1 ong with i nterest d ue, shall arrange to return t he funds and/ or

- securities withheld f rom the Member in shortage;
- 2.2. In case Clearing Corporation has delivered another security in substitution of the security under shortage as opted by the Allocatee Member in terms of provision s of sub Regulation 2.3 of shortage handling procedure above, the Member in shortage shall deliver the substituted security to Clearing Corporation (security delivered by Clearing Corporation to the Allocatee Member) together with charges, penalties and of her levies as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time. Clearing Corporation, upon receipt of confirmation about receipt of securities into its SGL Account, shall arrange to return the funds and/or securities withheld from the Member in shortage;
- 2.3. In the event of the Member in shortage not delivering the securities in which shortage has been committed or the substituted security as indicated in clause 2.2 above together with charges, penalties and other levies as described above, Clearing Corporation shall have the right to declare the Member as a defaulter. Upon declaration of such Member as a defaulter Clearing corporation may appropriate funds withheld and/or sell and/or dispose off the securities withheld from the defaulter (adequate to cover the default obligation) in any manner as it may deem fit and apply the proceeds thereof for purchase of the securities in which default has been committed or the security (ies) substituted. Excess amounts, if any, realized out of such appropriation/sale/disposal shall be payable to the defaulter together with excess unsold securities withheld, if any, after adjustment of charges, penalty, fees as described above;
- **2.4.** In t he event of t he Funds appropriated and sale proceeds of the Securities withheld f rom t he defaulter not full y sufficient t o cover t he Default Obligation, Clearing Corporation shall appropriate t he defaulter's cash contribution to MCC/ TPR Collateral and apply t he same towards discharge of Default Obligation;
- 2.5. In the event of the Funds appropriated and the sale proceeds of the Securities withheld from the defaulter and its cash contribution to MCC / TPR Collateral not full y sufficient to cover the Default Obligation, Clearing Corporation shall sell and/or dispose off, the defaulter's Securities contribution to MCC / TPR Collateral towards recover y of Default Obligation
  - i n an y manner as i t ma y deem f i t under t he c i rcumstances (in market lots, adequate to cover the Default Obligation);
- 2.6. In the event of the Funds appropriated and the sale proceeds of the Securities withheld from the defaulter and its cash and Securities contribution to MCC / TPR Collateral not fully sufficient to cover the Default Obligation, the defaulter shall be liable to meet the shortfall in his Default Obligation to Clearing C orporation to gether with interest, charges, penalties as notified by Clearing Corporation from t

ime to t ime;

- 2.7. In case t he securities withheld f rom t he defaulter enter into a Shut Period on t he date on which the sale/ disposal process falls due under t hese R egulations, t he redemption proceeds received by Clearing Corporation shall be used to cover t he default obligations;
- **2.8.** In case the Securities withheld f rom t he defaulter under t hese Regulations are not sal eable, t he Securities contributed b y the defaulter t o MCC / TPR Collateral shall be disposed off pending sale/disposal of t he withheld Securities;
- **2.9.** In case t he Securities contributed by defaulter t o MCC/ TPR Collateral enter i nto Shut Period on t he date on which t he sale/ disposal process falls due under the se Regulations, the redemption proceeds received by Clearing Corporation shall be used to cover the Default Obligations.

# 3. Def ault Handling Process

In case the defaulter's obligations to Clearing Corporation are not fully recovered in t erms of Regulation G - 1 and Regulation G- 2 above, the Default Handling Process in t erms of Chapter XV I "Default Fund" Regulation "I" – "Utilisation" shall be init i at ed by Clearing Corporation.

# 4. Reporting of shortages

All instances of funds and securities shortages of Members/ TPR Collateral encount ered by Clearing Corporation, whether settled or/ a 11 ocated, shall be promptly reported to the Reserve Bank as required, giving a 11 the necessary details.

# H). DEFAULT OF CLEARING CORPORATION

- 1. In t he event Clearing Corporation fai 1 s t o fulfill an y Settlement related obligation to an y non defaulting counterpart y, even after t he expiry of 30 (t hirt y) business days f rom t he date of paymen t / delivery falling due and an i ntimation being sent b y t he counterpart y i n t his regard t o Clearing Corporation or i n the event R BI cancels C l earing Corporation's Payment S ystem l i cense or i ssues a notice for such cancellation t hereto, a non defaulting counterparty ma y, by notice i n writing t o t he Clearing Corporation not l ater than 7 (seven) business days f rom such event, seek t he t e rmination and c l ose out of its outstanding Trades i n t his Segment.
- 2. Clearing Corporation shall, not 1 ater t han 2 (two) business days f rom t he date of receipt of such notice and after due notification t o al 1 Members of t his Segment: (a) effect c lose out of outstanding Trades of such Member or (b) c lose out a 11 outstanding Trades i n the Segment.

Such c lose out shall be a t a pre - determined price as ma y be notified by the

Clearing Corporation f rom time to time and post such c l ose out, Clearing Corporation shall determine t he Member - wise net mark to market loss or gain (as the case may be) i n respect of t he Trades. The net mark to market loss or gain so arrived at shall constitute t he t ermination amount for each Member. The t ermination amount shall be settled b y pa yment t o the Member, in case of Member's gain, or b y receipt f rom t he Member, i n case of Member's l oss.

- **3.** The t ermination amount shall be settled by t he c lose of business on t he business day f ollowing t he day of t ermination or as soon as possible t hereafter.
- **4.** Before paying out any amount under this Regulation, Clearing Corporation shall have the r i ght t o recover there f rom any amount payable by t he Member t o Clearing Corporation.
- **5.** The close out transactions shall be final and binding upon the Members.

### **CHAPTER VIII: RISK MANAGEMENT**

### A). SCOPE OF RISK MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- I. Outright, market repo, GSL Transactions and Bond Forward Trades (other than Triparty Repo Trades)
  - 1. Clearing Corporation shall cover its risk through prescription of initial margin, mark-to-market margin, volatility margin and concentration margin;
    - Provided however that, Margin requirements shall not apply where Prefunding is received by the Clearing Corporation.
  - 2. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, Clearing Corporation shall have the sole discretion to improve upon and perfect its practices relating to r i sk containment measures from time to time;
  - 3. The values of outstanding Trades shall be converted i nto equivalent r i sk exposure numbers b y using security specific r i sk exposure factors (expressed in t erms of percentage based on "Value at Risk" or such other means as may be d ecided by Clearing Corporation) and each Member shall be required to provide for i ni t ia l Margin t o the extent of such amounts as corresponds t o Member's value of outstanding Trades. Clearing Corporation shall be entitled t o modify the r i sk exposure factors a t such periodicity as i t may deem f i t;
  - 4. Clearing Corporation, after due notification, may be entitled to set higher margin factors for different Members, based on the credit assessment by Clearing Corporation.
    - Clearing Corporation may take the assistance of any reputed rating agency/subsidiary for arriving at such ratings and the decision of Clearing Corporation in regard to the selection of rating agency/subsidiary or in regard to the ratings arrived at for the Members shall be final and binding on the Members.
    - Notwithstanding the credit rating/ grading, Clearing Corporation may hike/step-up the Margins of a Member in case of any regulatory actions/ deterioration in fi nancial position/ adverse market report etc. Where such Member acts as a Clearing Member for Clearing the Trades of its Constituents, an additional hike/step-up in Margin may be applied by Clearing Corporation. Where higher margin factors are set for the Trades of a Clearing Member, such higher margin factors shall also be applicable to all Trades of its Constituents.
  - 5. Clearing Corporation may, after due notification, set prudential limit for each Member in terms of its aggregate outstanding trade exposure of the Member (in terms of total consideration or otherwise, as may be decided by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time). Such limit may be set by Clearing Corporation based on the Member's nature of business, net worth or such other factors as considered appropriate by Clearing Corporation. In the event of Members exceeding such limit, Clearing Corporation may be entitled to set higher margin for the Member in respect of Trades which are in excess of such limits;
  - 6. Bond Forward Trades shall be subject to checks for adequacy of Margins. The day

of commencement of such exposure check shall be a date notified by Clearing Corporation falling prior to the Settlement Date of the Bond Forward Trade.

7. Clearing Corporation may set additional i ni t i a l margin for Trades conducted b y a Member a t off - market prices. Such margin shall be payable by the seller of the securit y i f t he prices are set l ower than market price, or by t he bu yer of t he security if the prices set higher than t he market price. Such margin shall be equal t o t he difference between t he t raded price and the market price;

Such margin shall be released after the concerned trade is marked to market margin and mark to market margin on such trade has been actually collected from the concerned counterparty;

8. The mark to m arket margin shall be worked out based on the price movements on the underlying securities corresponding to each trade. For computing price changes, mark to market price as described in sub-Regulation (B) below shall be compared against the trade price.

# II. Triparty Repo Trades

- **1.** Clearing Corporation shall adopt t he following r i sk management practices for Tripart y Repo Trades:
  - i. Clearing Corporation shall cover its risk by prescribing borrowing 1 imit, initial margin, mark to- market margin and volatilit y margin. The securities i n t he TPR GILT Accounts of t he Membe r and its Constituent shall be subjected to a valuation ex ercise during t he day a nd at the end of each business day to ensure t hat t he borrowings of t he Member i ncluding its Constituents are fully collateralised at an y point of t ime and its initial margin obligations s t ands full y met. The valuation shall be carried out using t he mark t o market price computed b y Clearing Corporation;
  - ii. Clearing Corporation may, at its discretion, specify rates of haircut in percentage terms for alleligible securities as collateral interms of Regulation B (3) of Chapter IV. Such haircut rates shall be applied on the mark to market price of such securities. Clearing Corporation shall have the authority to modify such rates at such periodicity as it may deem fit;
  - iii. Clearing Corpo rat ion may, a t its discretion and after due notification, set different set of haircut rates for different c l asses of Members, based on t heir nature of business, net worth or such other factors as may be decided by t he Clearing Corporation f rom t ime t o t im e;
  - iv. Clearing Corporation may, after due notification to respective Member, set Single order Limit/ prudential limit for each Member and its Constituent(s) in terms of its respective aggre gate outstanding orders or Trades. Such limit may be set based on their nature of business, net worth, credit rating/ grading or such other factors as may be decided by the Clearing Corporation f rom time to time. In the event of Member exceeding such limit, Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to set higher initial margin rates for the Member in respect of Trades which are in excess of such limits.

Clearing Corporation may take the assistance of any reputed Rating Agency/subsidiary for arriving at such ratings and t he decision of Clearing Corporation in regard to the select i on of rating agency/subsidiary or in regard to the ratings arrived at for t he Members shall be f inal and binding on the Members.

Notwithstanding the credit rating/ grading, Clearing Corporation may impose restrictions on the exposure limits in case of any regulatory actions/ deterioration in financial position/ adverse market report etc.

- v. Clearing Member may, under advice to Clearing Corporation, set prudential limit for each of its Constituents in terms of such Constituent's aggregate outstanding Trades.
- vi. Members shall be provided with an option for Prefunding which will be earmarked towards borrowing and/or lending limit(s).

### B). MARK - TO - MARKET PRICE

**1.** Mark to market price shall be computed as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to t ime.

# C). PROCESS

# 1. Initial Margin

- I. Outright, market repo, GSL Transactions and Bond Forward Trades (other than Triparty Repo Trades)
  - 1.1. The initial margin obligation of each Member / C onstituent i n respect of each of its outstanding Trades shall be computed by multiplying the value of the relative security (i es) with the corresponding r i sk exposure numbers (termed as Margin factors) as described in Regulation A 1 above; (value for this purpose shall mean total consideration of the trade. Clearing Corporation may, after due notification, consider the value of the trade at its Mark-to-Market price after the process of marking to market of the trade is over or after subjecting Trades done at off-market prices to additional initial initial margin. The margin shall be computed for Proprietary Trades of the Clearing Member and for the Trades of each of its Constituents and no offset shall be made available between the Proprietary Trades and Trades of Constituents or between Trades of two Constituents';
  - **1.2.** The sum total of t he i nitial margins of each i ndividual outstanding t rade for a Member, as computed in sub Regulation C 1 (1. 1) above, shall form t he i nit ia l margin obligation of t hat Member;
  - 1.3. A Member's initial margin obligation shall be computed online on a Trade by Trade basis, immediately on receipt of the Trade and / or as at the cutoff time of each Trading Session of a business day on a Trade by Trade basis and shall form the basis for deciding whether that Member's Trade(s) has exceeded its Risk Exposure Limit;
  - **1.4.** While aggregating i nitial margin on each outstanding Trade as described

above, the Trades of the Member and t he Trades of each of its Constituents shall be grouped separatel y. In each such group, offset shall be allowed between i nit i al margins on buy Tr ades and sale Trades i n same security for same SettlementDate except when such buy or sell trade is a repo or GSL Transaction 1<sup>st</sup> leg. For such Trades, I ower of the net bu y quantit y and net sale quantity i n t he partic ular security having same Settlement Date would be arrived a t. Thereafter, difference i n t he amount pa yable for t he buy q uantity would be compared against amount receivable on t he sale quantity, using f i rs t i n f i r s t out principle. If t he difference i s posi t i ve i. e. pa yable amount i s higher than receivable amount, such difference would be t reated as i ni t i a l margin for such group of Trades. Any residual buy or sale amount shall be subjected t o i nit ia l margin as i f t he t rade i s concluded by t he Member only for s uch residual amount. This provision shall come i nto effect upon notification b y Clearing Corporation.;

- 1.5. While computing the difference amount for initial margin as mentioned in Regulation C 1(1.4) above, the 1 st leg of repo deals shall be excluded from such computation;
- **1.6.** The initial margin in respect of a repo and/or reverse repo and/or GSL Transaction(s) shall be computed based on the value of the first leg of the trade till its Settlement. Thereafter, initial margin in respect of the transaction shall be computed based on the value of the Settlement of second leg of the trade;
- 1.7. If the first leg of a repo/ reverse repo / GSL Transaction is to trigger any offset against any other outstanding t rade, as per Regulation C 1 (1. 4) above, the value of t he f i r s t l eg of t he t rade shall be i gnored for computation of i ni t i a l margin. If such t rade has, however, been done at off market price, t he t rade may be subjected t o additional i nitial Margin requirement as described i n Regulation A I (1. 6) above;
- 1.8. In Regulation C 1 (I 1.6) above, i f t he val ue of t he f i rs t l eg of the t rade i s higher t han t he net outstanding t rade position i n t he securit y i n relation to which i t i s t o t r i gger offset, Initial Margin shall be computed for the amount of difference between the value of the f i r s t l eg of t he repo/ reverse repo t rade and t he net outstanding value of t he t rade positions in t he said security. Such amount shall be t reated as i ni t i a l margin against t he f i rst l eg of such Repo/ Reverse Repo t rade.

# II. <u>Triparty Repo Trades</u>

1.1. The initial margin for Triparty Repo Trades shall be arrived at based on Value at Risk or such other means as may be decided by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time and such factors shall be expressed as a percentage of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg consideration. Clearing Corporation may however set different initial Margin rates for Triparty Repo Trades having

- different maturity periods. Clearing Corporation may, however, a t its discretion, set uniform i nitial margin factor for a 11 Tripart y Repo Trades;
- 1.2. Clearing Corporation may, at its discretion and after due notification, set different i nitial margin rates for different Members and / or Constituent(s) of Clearing Member, based on their nature of business, net worth or such other factors as may be decided by the Clearing Corporation from time to time:
- 1.3. The initial margin obligations for Tripart y Repo deals shall be computed by multiplying the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 eg consideration of each t rade with the corresponding specific i nit i al Margin rates or the uniform margin factor, as applicable for the Member and then aggregating the margin obligations.
- 1.4. Provided t hat i f a Member or its Constituent have borrowing and l ending in Tripart y Repo of same 2 nd l eg maturity date, and i f such Trades have resulted i n a net l oss computed on a f i r s t In f i r s t out basis, then such l o ss would a l so be added to its i ni t i a l Margin l i abilit y.

# 2. Mark to Market Margin

- I. Outright, market repo, GSL Transactions and Bond Forward Trades (other than Triparty Repo Trades)
  - **2.1.** A Member shall be l i able to maintain mark to market margin i n respect of adverse positions on its outstanding t rades;
  - **2.2.** The mark to market margin obligation shall be computed in respect of each such Trade(s) by multiplying the value of relative securities with the corresponding price movement as described in sub-Regulation A I (3) above;
  - **2.3.** The sum total of mark to market margins of each i ndividual outstanding Trade as computed in Sub-Regulation 2 I (2. 2) above shall form the mark to market margin obligation of t he Member and / or its Constituents and such margin shall be maintained t i l l t he Settlement of such t rade;
  - 2.4. While aggregating mark to market margin on each outstanding trade as described above, the Trades of the Member and the Trades of each of its Constituents shall be grouped separately. In each such group, offset shall be allowed between mark to market margins on buy Trades and sell Trades in same security for same SettlementSettlement Date (i. e. if mark to market Margin is recoverable from a Member for his buy Trades on a security for a Settlement Date, such margin amount shall be reduced by the notional mark to market gain on the sale Trades of the same Member in the same security for the same Settlement Date. Reverse would be the case if mark to market margin is recoverable from a Member for its sale Trades);
  - **2.5.** A mark to market margin obligation shall be computed as at the end of

- each business day and shall be valid t i l l its computation as at the end of t he subsequent business day; In case of high Volatilit y, Clearing Corporation shall also collect MTM margin on i ntra- day basis f rom the Members/t heir Constituents
- **2.6.** Provided t hat, in case of Bond Forward Trades and outright Trades reported by e i t her of t he counter party on a day other t han the day of t he t rade, Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to recover Mark t o Market margin for such t rade before acceptance for guaranteed settlement.
- 2.7. The f i rs t leg of a repo/ reverse repo / GSL Transaction shall not be subjected t o any MTM margin requirement. If however, t he trade has been conducted at off market prices so as to att ract additional initial Margin in terms of Regulation A I (6) above, mark to market loss, if any, will be collected f rom such Members or t heir Constituents. However, no benefit would be extended for mark t o market profit on such Trades;
- **2.8.** Mark to m arket margin shall be payable on the second leg of a repo/reverse repo / GSL Transaction in the usual manner. Such margin, however, shall become payable at the end of the day prior to the Settlement of firstleg of the concerned Trade;
- 2.9. A portion of the mark to market margin shall be pa yable within the sti pulated time of the next working day. This portion, to be denoted as i ncremental mark to market margin will comprise of mark to market margin in respect of fresh deals received during the day and any increase in mark to market margin on Trades outstanding as on previous working day. Provided that, any additional initial margin in liability in terms of Regulation A I (6), initial margin liability in respect of offsetting deals in terms of Regulation C 1 (1.4) and additional mark to market Margin liability in terms of Regulation 3 (3.5) in so far it relates to the change in value of the outstanding Trades will not be taken into consideration for the purpose of computation of incremental mark to market margin.

# I I. Triparty Repo Trades

- 2.1. The securities in the TPR GILT Account of the Member for determining borrowing l imit shall be subjected to mark to-market valuation during the day and at the end of each business day as described in sub Regulation B 1 above;
- 2.2. In t he event of mark to market value of t he securities a l ong with cash margin, i f any, deposited for the purpose of al location of borrowi ng l imit falling short of the funds obligations for 2 <sup>nd</sup> l eg consideration of Tripart y Repo Trades, representing the borrowing of t he Member or its Constituents or mark t o market value of the securities t ogether with cash margin, i f an y, deposited t owards i nitial margin fal l ing short of the i nit i al margin liability of t he Member or its Constituents at the end of t he day, Clearing Corporation shall make a margin call on

- such Members in respect of whom such shortage occurs;
- 2.3. The mark to market valuation done by Clearing Corporation at the end of each business day shall be valid till its next computation either intraday on next business day or at the end of the subsequent business day. However, Clearing Corporation shall value any security deposited during day, immediately after deposit, and provide the Members benefit of increase in borrowing limit during the business day;
- 2.4. Clearing Corporation may set additional i nitial margin for Triparty Repo Trades conducted by a Member or its Constituents a t off market interest rates. Such margin shall be payable by the borrower if the interest rate of borrow t rade is higher than the interest rate a t which s imilar t enor is dealt in the market or by the lender if the interest rate of lend t rade is lower than the interest rate at which s imilar t enor is dealt in the market. Such margin shall be equal to the difference between the interest rate at which borrow/lend t rade is done and the interest rate dealt in the market for s imilar t enor. Clearing Corporation's decision in regard to i dentification of Trades a t off market prices shall be f inal and binding on all concerned

# 3. Volatility Margin

parties.

- **3.1** Volatility Mar gin constitutes t he Margin obligation required t o be fulfilled by a Member or its Constituents as t heir contribution to MCC / TPR Collateral in relation t o a sudden increase in Volatility of
- i nterest rates/ bond prices and shall be applied, at t he discretion of Clearing Corporation, on:
  - (i). Outstanding Trades; and/ or
  - (ii). Securities contribution to MCC;
  - (iii). Securities contribution to TPR Collateral towards Tripart y Repo Trades;
- **3.2** Such Margin may be imposed by Clearing Corporation at any time during the day and as a result, the balance of the Members or their Constituents in their MCC / TPR Collateral Accounts may be reduced on re-computation and the Initial Margin requirements in respect of their outstanding Trades may be increased;
- **3.3** Members will be notified by Clearing Corporation prior t o the collection and/ or maintenance of volatilit y margin;
- **3.4** Upon imposition of Volatilit y Margin, if it is observed t hat t he MCC/ TPR Collateral balance of a Member or any of its Constituents i s inadequate t o cover t he Margin requirements on account of t heir outright, market repo, GSL Transaction, Bond Forward Trades and/ or Tripart y Repo Trades, it shall be the resp onsibilit y of t he said Member t o replenish t he shortfall as directed b y Clearing Corporation. In cas e t he shortfall as s ta t ed above i s not replenished b

y the Member by the stipulated time, Clearing Corporation, at its sole discretion, may stop accepting any further Trade of the Member and its Constituents;

- 3.5 In case of an y sudden increase in Volatilit y of i nterest rates/ bond prices during t he day which Clearing Corporation, i n its sole opinion, consider adequate to substantially erode t he Margins collect ed f rom t he Members on t heir own account and on account of their Constituents, the Clearing Corporation may revalue a 11 t he ir outstanding Trades and/ or MCC / TPR Collateral balances using the 1 a t est available prices. If such revaluation i ndicates inadequa c y of Margin in the account of an y Member be yond a l evel, as notified by t he Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to t ime, t he Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to impose additional Mark to Market Margin equal t o t he shortfall. Such additional Mark to Market Margin shall be in force t i 11 the application of end of t he day Mark To Market Margin for t he day i n t he account of t he Members and t heir Constituents;
- **3.6** For the purpose of valuation of the outstanding Trade positions and MCC / TPR Collateral balances of t he Members in t erms of Regulation C 3 (3.5), Clearing Corporation intra- day MTM prices will be used. Such intra- day MTM prices will be generated by following a process as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time.
- 4. In case of outright, market repo, GSL Transactions and Bond Forward Trades the total margin obligation of a Member to the Clearing Corporation on account of its Proprietar y Trades and the Trades of each of its Constituents shall be the sum total of its Initial Margin, Mark to Market Margin and the Volatilit y Margin obligations above;

Provided however, i f i n case of an y of its Constituents the margin a l l ocated b y t he Member t o a Constituent i n t erms of Regulation E of Chapter V I, ex ceeds t he t otal margin obligation of such a Constituent, t hen t he t otal obligation of a Clearing M ember t o t he Clearing Corporation on account of such a Constituent shall be deemed t o be the margin a l l ocated b y t he Member for such Constituent.

# D). VALUATION OF SECURITIES IN MCC/ TPR COLLATERAL

- 1. The valuation of Securities contributed by Members to MCC / TPR Collateral shall be carried out dail y using the latest available Mark- to- Market price described in Regulation B (1) of this Chapter. Such valuation can even be carried out a t such increased frequency as notified by Clearing Corporation;
- 2. Clearing Corporation shall, i n its discretion, specify haircuts on the respective market values as per rates prescribed for the eligible securities from time to time;
- 3. The contributions t o MCC / TPR Collateral shall be subjected t o a valuation ex ercise a t ever y i nst ance of Securities deposit and/ or withdrawal f rom its MCC / TPR Collateral at the end of t he Business Day at the relevant Mark To Market prices.

# E). REPO AND GSL TRANSACTIONS WITH SECURITIES VALUED AT OFF – MARKET PRICES

If any Member or an y of its Constituents enters into a repo t rade with another Member where t he underlying security has been valued a t an off - market price a t t racting t he provision of A - I (6) above relating t o i ni t i a l margin and Clearing Corporation has accepted the t rade for guaranteed Settlement, i t ma y, after due notification t o such Member, hold back deliver y of t he underlying securit y (i f t he securit y has been undervalued)

or t hat portion of the funds which represent t he overvalued component (i n case of overvaluation of the security) t i l l additional ini t i a l margin as per provision of A- I (6), has been dul y c ollected f rom such Member. Such securities, i f held back, shall be t ransferred i n t he i nterim to the SGL Account of Clearing Corporation.

# **CHAPTER IX: SUDDEN EVENT HANDLING**

- 1. Due t o t he occurr ence of an y unforeseen event or c i reumstance be yound t he control of Clearing Corporation, i t may be required to abruptly suspend t he Clearing and Settlement of Trades by declaring an unscheduled holiday;
- 2. An Unscheduled Holiday (USH) may be declared on the happening of events that I ead to the total disruption of transactions coming to a halt, I ike due to general bandh / s t r i ke, disruption of public ut i I i t y services due to heav y rains or any other factor beyond the control of Clearing Corporation which shall have impact on the overall system. It is expected that events occurred which affects one or few Members participating in securities market would not adversely affect the settlement process at Clearing Corporation;
- **3.** In the above cases, the following procedure shall be adopted:

# A. OUTRIGHT TRADES AND BOND FORWARD TRADES

- All outright (including when issued) and Bond Forward Trades due for Settlement on such days shall be rolled over to the next Business Day i.e. Modified Settlement Date (MSD) at the traded price of the Security/ yield of the Treasury Bill. In case of Trades in dated Securities, the coupon amount for USH and subsequent holiday(s), if any, shall be added by Clearing Corporation to the respective Trade considerations. In case of Trades in Treasury Bills, the price of the relative Treasury Bills hall be recomputed by Clearing Corporation on the MSD at the traded yield;
- Trades i nvolving a security which has entered a Shut Period for coupon pa yment on the MSD, such Trade(s) shall be settled on the first business day after expiry of the relative Shut Period at the traded price only. However, if there is a gap of more than 1 day between the first business day after the Shut Period and the Shut Period due to intervening holiday(s), the coupon accruals for such day(s) shall be added by Clearing Corporation to the respective Trade considerations. Trades entering in to Shut Period for redemption shall be withdrawn from Settlement by Clearing Corporation.

# B. REPO AND GSL TRANSACTIONS – 1<sup>st</sup> leg

(i). All overnight and t erm rep o Trades due for Settlement on USH shall be withdrawn f rom Settlement by Clearing Corporation.

# C. REPO AND GSL TRANSACTIONS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg

(i) In respect of 2 nd l eg Settlement Date due for Settlement on USH, the same shall be rolled over t o t he next business day. The additional repo i nterest / GSL Fee amount for USH, computed at the repo rate of t he

- relative t rade, shall be added by Clearing Corporation to the respective t rade considerations and the second leg price shall be recomputed by Clearing Corporation;
- (ii). If t he second 1 eg Settlement Date gets rolled over further due t o holiday(s) / Shut Period for coupon pa yment, repo interest / GSL Fee for such extended period calculated at t he relative repo rate net of t he coupon amount received by t he 1 ender of money, i f an y, shall be adjusted to the respect i ve t rade consideration of t he Member and t he second 1 eg price shall be recomputed by Clearing Corporation;
- In the process of shifting second leg Settlement Dates to next business day as (i i) above, i f such revised Settlement Date coincides with / fal ls after the Shut Period for redemption of the relative security, such t rade(s) shall be al located at par to the respective counterparty. Additional repointerest / GSL Fee for such extended days calculated at the reporate of the relative trade and redemption proceeds including coupon amount received by the lender of money shall be adjusted to the respective trade consideration of the Member.

# D. TRIPARTY REPO TRADES – 1st leg

All overnight and t erm Tripart y Repo Trades due for Settlement on USH shall be cancelled by Clearing Corporation.

# E. TRIPARTY REPO TRADES – 2nd leg

- i. The obligation for funds in respect of repa yment of borrowings under Triparty Repos falling due on such unscheduled holiday shall be combined with the transactions due for Settlement on the next business day and the funds obligation in respect of the said Members shall be arrived at accordingly.
- **ii.** Any interest accruals on account of such delayed Settlement shall be recovered by Clearing Corporation from the borrower of funds and the same shall be payable to the lender of funds at the rate notified by Clearing Corporation.
- **iii.** Clearing Corporation may adjust such interest accruals t ogether with repayment obligations due on unscheduled holiday to next business day's obligation of the Member.
- 4. Difference in considerations adjusted by Clearing Corporation due to shifting of SettlementDates as mentioned in A to E above shall be the part of the respective Members' net obligations to be settled at RBI/ Settlement Bank;
- In the event of Settlement Dates of the outs that and Trades are altered on a declaration of an unscheduled holiday, the impact thereof on the margin requirements of the Members shall be accounted for only at the time of end of the day margin re-computation;
- 6. Clearing Corporation shall not be held l i able in the event of Force Majeure that prevents Clearing Corporation f rom carrying out its duties.

# **CHAPTER X: REPORTS**

- i) Clearing Corporation shall, a t its discretion, decide t he mode and manner of deliver y/ receipt of reports to/ f rom its Members;
- **ii)** Clearing Corporation s hall have the discretion to make changes in t he report formats as and when i t may consider necessary f rom time to time;

# **CHAPTER XI: ACTIVITY TIME SCHEDULES**

- 1. Clearing Corporation shall f rom time to time notif y cut off t imings for normal acceptance of Trades f rom Members for c l earing and Settlement;
- 2. Clearing Corporation shall be authorised to make changes to the cut off t imings, as considered necessar y f rom t ime to t ime, depending upon changes in market practices and/ or requirements of RBI and/ or ot her regulator y bodies/ agencies;

# **CHAPTER XII: NOTICES**

- 1. Clearing Corporation shall specify formats for receiving notices from Members to facilitate its operations;
- 2. Clearing Corporation shall have t he authority to make changes in the formats as it may consider necessary from time to time. Changes if any shall be notified to Members prior to being brought into operation;
- **3.** Clearing Corporation shall, i n its discretion, decide the mode and manner of deliver y/ receipt of notice t o/ f rom its Members;

### **CHAPTER XIII: MISCELLANEOUS**

# I. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY OF CLEARING CORPORATION

- 1. Clearing Corporation shall not be deemed to guarantee t he t i t l e, ownership, genuineness, regularit y or validit y of an y security or an y document passing through Clearing Corporation and shall not i n an y manner whatsoever be and/ or deemed t o be associated and/ or responsible for t he underlying transactions of the relative Trades;
- 2. The onl y obligation of Clearing Corporation shall be t o facilitate c l earing, Settlement, deliver y and pa ym ent in respect of securities and/or funds between Members in consideration of the Members fulfilling a l l t he requirements of t hese Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations and such other requirements prescribed by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time. Provided that no c l aim, l i abilit y and/or responsibilit y shall rest with Clearing Corporation and/or an y of its officials in the event of such clearing, Settlement, deliver y and payment of securities and/or funds not being facilitated for reasons be youdt he scope and control of Clearing Corporation.
- 3. Clearing Corporation shall not be made a party for an y dispute between Member and its Trading Entit y(s) / Constituent(s).

# II. SUSPENSION RIGHTS OF CLEARING CORPORATION

- 1. Clearing Corporation may suspend its Members as specified in the Regulations;
- 2. Managing D i rector of Clearing Corporation or a Committee of not l ess t han two officials nominated by t he Managing Director (MD) may disable a Member f rom accessing t he facilities of Clearing Corporation i f i n t he opinion of the MD or t he Committee of officials, c i reumstances exist warranting disablement pending suspension.

Provided t hat, within 4 hours after such disablement, the MD or t he Committee of officials, as t he case may be, shall record in writing the reasons for such disablement provided however that the same shall be reported at the next Board or the Committee meeting whichever is earlier. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, Clearing Corporation shall communicate the information to other Members if such disablement is on account of default.

# III. REGULATORY LIMITS

It shall be sole responsibility of the Members to adhere to sell and / or purchase 1 imits as well as borrowing and/ or 1 ending 1 imits, if any, stipulated by any 1 aw and / or by their respective regulator/s for itself and its Constituent(s). Clearing Corporation shall not be responsible in any manner for the breach of such regulatory 1 imits by the Member and its Constituent (s).

### **CHAPTER XIV: FEES AND CHARGES**

### A). SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

- 1. The Board or an y other committee appointed by the Board or Official(s) of Clearing Corporation authorized by the Board in that behalf shall prescribe the scale of fees, charges, I evies, fines and/or penalties payable by Members for services provided by C I earing Corporation from time to time;
- 2. The Board or an y other committee appointed by t he Board or official(s) of Clearing Corporation authorized by the Board in that behalf shall be empowered to review the various fees, charges, levies, fines and/or penalties and effect such changes in the same as it considers necessary;
- 3. The revised t ariff, as and when made effective, shall be pa yable by Members;
- **4.** The schedule of such charges shall be notified to t he Members f rom time to time.

### B). BILLS FOR FEES AND CHARGES

- 1. Clearing Corporation shall render monthly bills relating to its usual fees and charges for services provided by Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to t ime;
- 2. The bi 1 l s of Clearing Corporation shall be notified to t he Members a t monthly i ntervals on the f i rs t business day of ever y m onth in respect of t ransaction charges i n respect of t he Member for t he immediately preceding month;
- 3. The Members shall verify t heir monthly billings and be responsible for Proprietary and Constituent(s) t rades and notify Clearing Corpo ration of discrepancies, if any, with all necessary details latest within two days from the date of notification of relative bill.

### C). RECOVERY OF CHARGES

- 1. The Members shall effect pa yment of the transaction charges payable by them to Clearing Corporation in terms of their monthly bills (as per B above) in the manner specified by Clearing Corporation from time to time by the 10 th calendar day of every business month fail in gwhich Members shall be liable to pay penalty on delayed payment of charges as per the notification issued by Clearing Corporation from time to time;
- 2. The payment of f i nes, penalties and/ or other l evies shall be pa yable b y t he Members' separatel y a s and when such a demand has been made on them by Clearing Corporation.

### **CHAPT ER XV: SETTLEMENT BANK**

- 1. Clearing Corporation facilitates Clearing and Settlement of Government Securities outright, Bond Forward and repo transactions including Tripart y Repo transactions of its Members maintaining their SGL / CSGL Account with Reserve Bank of India (RB I) and / or TPR GILT Account with Clearing Corporation;
- 2. Clearing Corporation may a t its discretion appoint one or more banks as Designated Settlement Bank (DSB), under advice to Reserve Bank of India, for Settlement of funds in respect of Members not maint a i ning t heir Current Account a t RBI for t he purpose of funds Settlement;
- 3. The Members shall maintain a Current account with RBI/ an y of t he Designated Settlement Bank/ s for t he Settlement of funds obligations i n Government Securities transactions under t hes e Regulations;
- 4. Such Member at the time of seeking Membership of Securities Segment shall communicate to the Clearing Corporation regarding details of its Settlement Bank for the purpose of availing the funds Settlement facility;
- Clearing Corporation shall notify the Members the settlement process, time frame for carrying out instructions and other operations that the Settlement Banks shall be required to follow for funds Settlement of Government Securities transactions in an orderly manner of its Members;
- 6. The Clearing Corporation will have t he r i ght t o seek i nformation/ explanations/ c l arifications on t he Settlement operations of t he DSB i n such manner and periodicit y as i t may deem f i t and may i ssue guidelines, directions and orders i n respect thereof and t he DSB shall compl y with the same;
- 7. The DSB undertakes to keep s t r i ct l y confidential an y and ever y t echnical and business i information i including, but not l imited t o t hat which may be disclosed or confided t o i t b y t he Clearing Corporation or which i t may obtain f rom t he Clearing Corporation and which it shall, b y not disclose t o any third party.
  - Provided, however, the DSB shall disclose any of such information upon the Clearing Corporation's consent to Regulatory or other Statutory authorities, if the aut horities so require;
- 8. The DSB shall be dul y authoriz ed b y Clearing Corporation t o ensure funds Settlement, collection of margin mone y, charges, levies, additional charges, servicing of corporate action l ike pa yment of interest e t c., and any other funds movement between t he Member and Clearing Corporation as prescribed b y Clearing Corporation;
- 9. Settlement Bank shall t ake i nstruction f rom Clearing Corporation and act i n accordance with instructions received f rom Clearing Corporation i n regard t o funds sett l ement and debit/ credit t he Settlement Account of the Members and t ransmit confirmation t o Clearing corporation;

- 10. Instructions of Clearing Corporation for debits and credits t o t he Member's Settlement Current Accounts b y t he Settlement Bank shall be i r rev ocable and f i nal;
- 11. The Member shall authorize Settlement Bank to access its Current Account for debiting and crediting its Settlement accounts in accordance with instructions received from Clearing Corporation;
- DSBs shall extend to Clearing Corporation the facility of on 1 ine monitoring of the transactions in the Settlement Account of Clearing Corporation;
- DSBs shall enable Clearing Corporation to view the balances and/or transaction details in the Settlement accounts of the Members maintained with the DSBs on an on 1 ine basis. DSBs shall a low similar access to the authorized representatives of the Members;
- 14. DSBs shall ensure t hat funds earmarked for Clearing Corporation Settlement are not encumbered, utilized or transferred before completion of settlement c ycle as set out by Clearing Corporation;
- 15. DSB shall, upon receipt of i nstructions f rom Clearing Corporation t o that effect, t ransfer funds f rom Settlement account of Members t o Settlement account maintained by Clearing Corporation with t he Settlement Bank for pa y- i n i nstructions and vice versa for pa y out i nstructions. Similarly, DSB shall enable Clearing Corporation t o t ransfer balances f rom such accounts of t he Members t o Clearing Corporation's Settlement account with t hem or vice versa as part of its Settlement or Default handling process;
- 16. DSB shall maintain record of t he date and t ime s t amp of a l l the pa yments and receipts ex ecuted b y i t in t he Settlement account of Clearing Corporation and t he Settlement Accounts of t he Members. Members will have t he responsibilit y t o monitor transactions i n t heir accounts and t o t ake up with t heir Settlement Bank an y i nstances of unusual dela y i n effecting pa y i ns and pa y- o uts. The t ransaction details a l ong with t ime s t amp must be submitted b y t he Bank as and when requested b y t he Regulator or Clearing Corporation. The Settlement Bank shall preserve such details for a period prescribed under the applicable l aws or such other rules made t hereunder;
- 17. In the process of funds Settlement at the DSB, if there is any funds shortage arising out of Settlement instructions received from Clearing Corporation, the DSB shall advise the same to Clearing Corporation and act in accordance with the instructions given by Clearing Corporation to meet such shortages;
- 18. The DSB shall mee t t he shortage b y utilizing t he balance available i n Clearing Corporation's Proprietar y account and/ or t he Line of Credit extended b y i t t o Clearing Corporation. Accordingly, DSB would t ransmit confirmation advices to Clearing Corporation;
- 19. The Clearing C orporation may net DSB's own funds obligations with the net funds obligations of a l l its Members. If such netting results in funds pay- in, it shall be the responsibility of DSB to make available such netted amount at its Current Account with RBI to enable RBI to process funds Settlement as

- per Clearing Corporation's instructions. If such netting results in pay out of funds, DSB will receive such amount a tits Current Account with RBI & it will be DSB's responsibility to make available such funds with Clear ing Corporation's Settlement Account maintained with it to effect funds pay out to Members as per Clearing Corporation's instructions;
- **20.** W hi l e processing Clearing Corporation Funds f i l e at its current account with RBI, funds shortage, i f an y, i n DSB's Curre nt Account maintained with RBI, shall be t reated as funds shortage on account of DSB and Clearing Corporation will i ni t i a t e action as per Chapter VII "Settlement Shortage / Default" of t his Regulations"; This shall be i r respective of failure to t ransfer, funds as mentioned in Regulation 19 of this chapter above or otherwise;
- 21. Clearing Corporation may transfer the credit balances from its settlement account with the DSB to its current account/RTGS Settlement with RBI under instruction to the DSB;
- DSB shall imme diately i nform Clearing Corporation about action, i f an y, i nitiated by an y of t he authorities, or an y i r regularity observed i n t he Members current / settlement account or an y deviation f rom Know Your Customer (KYC) norms;
- 23. Information relating t o an y change of the DSB b y t he Member shall be advised at l east 15 days i n advance b y t he Member a long with t he no objection l etter f rom t he ex i s t i ng DSB and t he concurrence f rom t he new DSB to Clearing Corporation;
- **24.** DSB shall put i n place adequate controls and r i sk m anagement s ystems t o facilitate smooth and effective Settlement of fund obligations;
- 25. In respect of Settlement related transactions of t he Members i ncluding transactions relating t o c lose out of Trades or positions of such Members which are routed through t heir DSB, Members will be discharged of their l i abilities in respect of t heir funds Pay i n obligations only after the monies paid by t hem has (/ ve) been t ransferred by t he concerned DSB t o t he Clearing Corporation's respective Settlement account(s) and/ or Current Account with Reserve Bank of India. Members shall however get valid discharge i f such funds are appropriated by t he DSB to effect pay out t o other Members of Clearing Corporation as part of settlement process in t erms of i nstructions given by Clear ing Corporation;
- 26. In respect of funds Pay- outs t o the Members b y Clearing Corporation, Clearing Corporation shall have valid discharge, after i t has t ransferred funds to the accounts of DSB, ei t her f rom its settlement account at RBI or f rom an y other DSB and i ssued i nstructions t o t he DSB t o t ransfer such funds t o the accounts of t he concerned Members.

# **CHAPTER XVI: DEFAULT FUND**

# A. PURPOSE:

- i. Clearing Corporation shall maintain two separate Default Funds in respect of its Securities Segment, one (hereinaft er referred to as "SEC DF") with a view to meeting losses arising out of any default by its Members f rom outright, repo and Bond Forward Trades, and the other (hereinafter referred to as "TPR DF") for meeting losses arising out of any default by its Members f rom Tripart y Repo Trades, as set out in this Chapter. All subsequent provisions of this Chapter shall apply to both the aforementioned Default Funds.
- II. Default Fund shall be utilized for such purposes as may be provided for in its Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

#### **B. CORPUS:**

- i. The s iz e of such D efault Fund shall be determined by t he Clearing Corporation on the basis of s t ress t ests which shall be conducted in a manner as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time.
- ii. The s iz e of t he fund shall be determined a t such i nt ervals as may be notified by Clearing Corporation f rom t ime to t ime. Clearing Corporation shall however also be entitled t o re s iz e the Default Fund before its scheduled periodic re s iz ing based on a process as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time.
- iii. Provided however that Clearing Corporation shall have the r i ght t o change t he f requency of such s t ress tests as a l so t he s i ze of t he corpus after due notification to the Members.

### C. CONTRIBUTIONS

- i. A Member's contribution to the D efault Fund as in Par a "B" above shall be determined in a manner as may be notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time.
- **ii.** Each Member shall deposit t owards D efault Fund such sum as shall be notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time.
- **iii.** The minimum contribution of a Member shall be as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time.
- iv. Where a Member has resigned on account of its merger/amalgamation with or its acquisition by another Member then, the Default Fund contribution of the merged/acquiring entity will standincreased by the amount of Default Fund contribution at tributed to the Member that is being merged or acquired, till the next re-computation of the Default Fund.
  - v. Where an existing Member resigns f rom membership of the Clearing Corporation and joins as Constituent of a Clearing Member, the Default Fund contribution of such Clearing Member will stand increased by the amount of Default Fund contribution of the resigning entity, till the next re computation

of the Default Fund.

### D. COMPOSITI ON

- i. Default Fund shall be formed with contributions f rom Members i n t he form of cash and/ or e l i gible Government Securities;
- **ii.** Provided however t hat Clearing Corporation may specify the minimum percentage of contribution in the form of cash from time to time after due Notification;
- iii. Clearing Corporation shall notify the eligible securities for contribution to D efault Fund. Securities declared as ineligible for Default Fund contribution shall not be reckoned as D efault Fund contribution of such Member;
- iv. Clearin g Corporation may notify from time to time the maximum amount of a single security or group of securities that a Member and/or all Members together may deposit by way of contribution to Default Fund and/or have security concentration thresholds be yound which hair cut rates of securities as collateral may be stepped up;
- **v.** A Member shall a t allt imes ensure t hat its contributions t o D efault Fund are adequate to cover its share as per Regulation C above;
- vi. Cash contributions t o D efault Fund shall be in multiples of R s. 11 ac or such other amount as may be prescribed by Clearing Corporation;

#### E. ADMINISTRATION

- i. Clearing Corporation shall administer investment and uti 1 iz a t i on of cash margins deposited by Members as per Regulation "F" of t his chapter;
- ii. Clearing Corporation shall be authorized to invest the cash contributions received from Members in accordance with the investment policy of Clearing Corporation.
- iii. The contributions made by Members to D efault Fund in the form of securities shall be held in a CSGL Account of Clearing C orporation with RBI. The RBI Rules and Regulations governing CSGL Accounts and such other instructions as are issued by RBI in this regard shall be applicable to this account and all contributions by Members to D efault Fund in the form of securities shall accordingly be governed by the said RBI Rules and Regulations and instructions;
- iv. Clearing Corporation shall have the r i ght to ut i l iz e any of the securities contributed to D efault Fund b y an y Member and held in the CSGL Account referred to in Sub Regulation (i i i) above and as per Regulation "F" of this chapter in such sequence of application as may be determined by Clearing Corporation to be appropriate.
- **v.** Provided however, that a shortfall, i f an y, i n t he Default Fund account of a Member a t the end of the day shall be covered b y Clearing Corporation i n t he following order:
  - **a.** First by blocking surplus balance, i f any available in an y other Default Fund account of the Member with Clearing Corporation

- **b.** If surplus balance is not available in (a) above, then by blocking the surplus balances if an y: -
  - In t he MCC of such Member in the Securities Segment i f deficit i s in SEC - DF. No i nterest shall however be paid for such cash utiliz a t i on towards Default Fund.
  - In the TPR Collateral of such Member in Securities Segment i f the deficit i s i n the TPR DF. No i nterest shall however be paid for such cash utilization towards Default Fund
- vi. Such ut i l iz at ion of ex cess collateral blocked as in (v) above will be released as soon as the deficit in the Default Fund account i s replenished by t he Member b y depositing additional collateral.

# F. RECEIPTS AND DELIVERIES OF MEMBERS CONTRIBUTION TO D ef ault Fund

- i. The contribution of Members to the Default Fund shall be recomputed at the end of each month or at such intervals as specified in Regulation 'C' above;
- ii. A Member shall be required to contribute to D efault Fund upon notice received f rom Clearing Corporation. Such deposits shall be payable within such time as may be notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time f rom the date of such notice;
- iii. Members shall arrange to deposit their contributions to D efault Fund as per work flow process notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time for deposit of cash and securities.
- **iv.** Members shall submit t heir cash and securities withdrawal request f rom Default Fund contributions as per t he work f low process notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time.
- v. Members shall be entitled t o receive credit for deposits of securities i nto D efault Fund upon receipt of confirmation f rom Reserve Bank of India (RBI) t hat the sec urities have been credited i nto t he CSGL acc ount of Clearing Corporation. Members shall deposit only such securities t o DF(s) which are f ree f rom any encumbrances;
- vi. Members shall be entitled to receive credits for their cash deposits i nto Default Fund upon receipt of confirmation f rom RBI and/or Settlement Bank of credits i nto the RTGS Settlement / Current Account of Clearing Corporation.
- wii. Members shall be entitled to withdraw securities f rom t heir contributions to D efault Fund by giving prior notice as n ot i f i ed b y Clearing Corporation f rom time to time i n t he format prescribed for t he purpose. Provided t hat i f such notice for withdrawal i s received i n respect of a securit y a t a t ime when i t would be falling i nto Shut Period and rendering such deliver y imp ossible, t hen such notice shall be considered t o be i nvalid;
- **viii.** W i t hdrawal of securities by Members shall be permitted only i f t he Member

- continues t o maintain the balance required after such withdrawal or upon resignation b y a Member f rom t he S egment as set out in Regulation E of Chapter I I of t hese Regulations;
- ix. Members shall be entitled to substitute securities deposited as contribution to D efault Fund by giving prior notice as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time in the format prescribed for the purpose. Substitution of securities shall be permitted only if the Member continues to maintain the balance required after such substitution. Such notice of substitution shall be through two independent processes, one for deposit of a security and the other for withdrawal of a security, as per the work flow process notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time for deposit and withdrawal of securities.

Provided t hat i f such notice for substitution i s received in respect of such securities as are fall i ng i nto Shut Period and rendering such substitution impossible, then such notice shall be invalid;

- **x.** At t he t ime of making requests for substitution, Members shall ensure t hat t he security offered for replacement forms part of t he securities e l i gible for contribution t o D efault Fund;
- **xi.** W i t hdrawal of cash contributions b y Members shall be permitted only i f t he Member continues to maintain the balance required after such withdrawal or upon resignation b y a Member f rom t he Segment as set out i n Regulation E o f Chapter I I of t hese Regulations;
- **xii.** W i t hdrawal of cash contributions b y Members shall be with prior notice as notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time i n t he format prescribed for the purpose.

### G. INTEREST ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO D EFAULT FUND

- i. Periodical i nterest receivable by t he Members on t heir securities contributed to D efault Fund shall be received by Clearing Corporation for and on behalf of t he Members in the manner and mode prescribed by RBI in respect of CSGL Accounts:
- ii. Interest received by Clearing Corporation shall be subsequently transmitted to the Members at the earliest. Clearing Corporation shall not be responsible for an y delay i n receipt of interest by Members and no claim shall rest with Clearing Corporation on this account;
- iii. Clearing Corporation shall not be responsible for servicing corporate actions on such securities held by Members in its D efault Fund which have been declared through appropriate notification as i neligible for Default Fund contribution;
- iv. Members shall monitor t heir sec urities contributions t o D efault Fund t o ensure t hat t he securities fal l ing due for redemption are withdrawn f rom D efault Fund well in advance before the redemption date and substituted b y e l i gible securities of equivalent value. In t he event of t heir fai l i ng t o do so, redemption proceeds receivable by t he Members on such securities shall be

- received by Clearing Corporation for and on behalf of the Members in the manner and mode prescribed by RBI in respect of CSGL Accounts;
- **v.** Redemption proceeds received by Clearing Corporation shall be t reated as cash contribution t o D efault Fund;
- vi. Clearing Corporation may compensate Members by offering them interest payments at quarterly rests (at the end of every quarter) on their average cash contributions during the relative period at a rate notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.

### H. VALUATION OF SECURITIES IN D EFAULT FUND

- i. The securities contributed by Members to D efault Fund shall be subjected to a valuation ex ercise on each Valuation Day. Clearing Corporation shall carr y out valuation daily or a t such f requencies as may be notified by Clearing Corporation f rom time to time. Clearing Corporation shall be entitled, to change the f requency of such valuation after due notification to the Members;
- **ii.** The valuation of Default Fund securities shall be carried out using the latest available mark to market price as applicable for such securities in Securities Segment of Clearing Corporation;
- **iii.** Clearing Corporation shall notif y, f rom t ime to t ime haircuts on t he respective market values as per rates prescribed for the eli gible securities f rom time to time. Such hair cut rates may be t emporarily i ncreased on imposition of volatility margin;
- iv. Member's contributions to D efault Fund shall be subjected to a valuation ex ercise a t ever y i nstance of securities deposit and/ or withdrawal f rom its D efault Fund or at the end of the business day at the relevant mark to market prices;
- **v.** Members shall be required to contribute such additional sums to the Default Fund as may be necessary if the value of the securities net of haircuts falls below a threshold level as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.

### I. UTILISATION

- VII re l a t i ng t o "Settlement Shortage & Defaults", Clearing Corporation may sell or dispose off, in an y manner i t may deem f i t, t he securities and / or funds withheld f rom the defaulter adequate to cover the default obligation and apply t he proceeds for discharge of t he defaulter's obligation. An y further losses, as a result of such default, shall be met by Clearing Corporation by recourse t o funds and/ or securities i n t he following order:
  - **a.** first, by appropriation of the margin contribution of the defaulting Member i ncluding an y sur plus margin to MCC. However, the margin

- contribution by such defaulter Clearing Member for its individual / group of Constituents, which i s not utilized towards respective i ndividual/ group of Constituents' margin requirement shall be dealt with in accordance with the instructions of such Constituents;
- **b.** nex t, b y appl ying set off f rom defaulter's own contribution t o Default Fund. An y residual l oss after appl ying such set off shall be further set off against ex cess contribution of the defaulter entity i n an y other Default Fund account with the Clearing Corporation. Such set off will be subject t o the Regulations of the Segment i n which such ex cess contribution i s identified.
- c. nex t, b y a l l ocation f rom Clearing Corporation's Settlement Reserve Fund, an amount notified by Clearing Corporation as the first tranche for al location at the time of arriving at the corpus of Default Fund in terms of Regulation B of this Chapter;
- d. nex t, b y all ocation of the residual loss to the Default Fund accounts of non-defaulting Members in proportion to their required contributions to the Default Fund at the time of handling such default. The amount all ocated to the non-defaulting Members shall be recovered from such Members in the form of cash contribution, or by sale of securities contributed by such Members to the Default Fund under
  - advice t o the m. The price a t which such securit y/ securities i s / are sold will be binding on t he Members.
- **e.** and next by a l location f rom Clearing Corporation's Settlement Reserve Fund, an amount notified by Clearing Corporation as t he second t ranche for a l l ocation, at the t ime of arriving at the corpus of Default Fund i n t erms of Regulation B of t his Chapter.
- **f.** and then b y a l l ocation of t he residual l oss t o D efault Fund account of non defaulting Members after replenishm ent of t he balances i n t hese accounts i n t erms of Regulation J (i i i) of this Chapter.
- ii. If t he contribution t o D efault Fund has been made in t he form of securities by t he defaulter and t he securities are required to be sold for appropriation, Clearing Corpor a t ion may sell t hose securities t hrough NDS OM and / or offer such securities for sale f i r s t to the non- defaulting Members of the Segment. Based on t he quotes
  - received f rom such Members, Clearing Corporation may offer the security to the highest bidder and such sale shall be binding on Members;
- If t here is more than one default in a day, defaults shall, subject to Clearing Corporation not having commenced any action on any such defaults, be handled by Clearing Corporation in descending order of the estimate ds iz e of shortfall. In case Clearing Corporation has commenced any action on any such default, such default shall not be considered for the descending order priority.
- iv. If there is any allocation of residual loss to the Default Fund account of

- other Members (i. e. non defaulter Members) i n t erms of Regulation I (i) (d) above, Clearing Corporation shall notify the total amount of such all ocation on each such occasion. Clearing Corporation shall also notify the cumulative amount of such usage in the past one year period ending on such date.
- v. Clearing Corporation, may as per process duly notified in this regard, t reat the collateral available in Members' SEC DF or/ and TPR- DF account(s) in ex cess of its required contributions, as the collateral deemed to be made av a illable by such Member towards meeting a deficit in the balance in any other Default Fund account. Such amount would continue to remain blocked towards the said Default Fund account till the Member has replenished the shortfall in the other Default Fund accounts with Clearing Corporation.
- vi. Moreover, i f a Member i s declared defaulter i n another Segment and/ or has f i l ed for i nsolvenc y under relevant l aws and/ or i s declared i nsolvent b y a competent authorit y, Clearing Corporation shall be entitled t o t reat th e collateral available i n a Members' SEC DF or/ and TP R- DF account(s) in excess of its required contributions as being made available b y t he Member towards the Default Fund accounts of such other segments.
- **vii.** The action of Clearing Corporation as per t he above process shall be f inal and binding on a 11 Members.
- **viii.** The above course of action shall be without prejudice to an y other r i ghts of Clearing Corporation against t he defaulter.

### J. REPLENISHMENT

- i. Members shall be required to contribute to the D efault Fund such sums as notified by Clearing Corporation on ever y revaluation of the Default Fund, in terms of Regulation 'B' above of this Chapter.
- ii. In the event, that the Member's contribution to the D efault Fund has been utilized to meet the shortfall of a defaulter, the Member shall be required to replenish the balance required to fulfill its contribution to the D efault Fund, within a maximum period of one business day from such utilization or such other number of days as may be notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time:
- iii. In the event that the Member's contribution to the Default Fund is found to be inadequate to meet the shortfall of a defaulter after a 1 l ocation of shortfall in terms of Regulation I (i) (d)) above of this Chapter, t he Member shall be required to deposit such additional sums forthwith to bring the balance in the account to the required quantum in terms of Regulation C(ii) above of this Chapter;
- iv. In the event of failure of a Member to contribute to D efault Fund within the time period specified as per Regulation J (i i) above of this Chapter, Clearing Corporation shall t reat such failure as default in terms of Chapter VI I of these Regulations and the Member shall be l i able for the consequential action thereon as specified in Chapter VI I of these Regulations.
- v. The maximum contribution of a Member towards replenishment of its

contribution to Default Fund for the Securities Segment in the 7 days' period immediately after the loss threshold as referred in Regulation E (1 (A)) of Chapter I I of this Regulation having been

reached, and t he Member having resigned, shall not ex ceed 5 t imes of its contribution to Default Fund based on l ast re - computation of Default Fund contribution of t he Members carried out as per t he process described i n Regulation B (i i) above of this Chapter, subject t o a monetar y ceiling notified b y Clearing Corporation. A Member shall not be obligated t o contribute an y amount in ex cess of t he monetar y ceiling during t he aforementioned period of 7 days.

vi. The amounts mentioned in Regulation (v) above as maximum contribution for a Member and the threshold as referred in Regulation E (1 (A)) of Chapter I I shall be reviewed periodically by the Clearing Corporation based on market size, Volatility etc. Any change in any of the ceilings as above or in the threshold as stated above due to such review shall be effected after giving a notice of 90 days to the Members.

### K. RECOVERIES FROM THE DEFAULTER

- i. An y recover y f rom t he defaulting Member shall be accounted for b y Clearing Corporation i n t he reverse orde r of utilization of its resources as described in Regulation I (i) of t his Chapter. If any such amount recovered i s to be apportioned to the non defaulting Members, then Clearing Corporation shall return the same (by credit to its Default Fund account, in the form of cash or eligible securities of equivalent market value) pro-ratat of the respective amounts appropriated and not exceeding the amount of contribution so appropriated.
- ii. If a Member ceases to be a Member of the Segment by its resignation or expulsi on, Clearing Corporation shall have paramount li ento appropriate the contributions made by the Member to D efault Fund first towards meeting any residual loss arising on the squaring off of the Trades of such Member and the balance towards recover y of monies towards dues and claims before accepting claims for refund of the contribution to the concerned Member. The refund

Clearing Corporation i n which the Member has been admitted.

will also be subject to Bye - l aws, Rules, and Regulations of such segments of

# **CHAPTER XVII: SETTLEMENT OF DEMAT TRADES**

- 1. Clearing Corporation may also settle Demat Trades received from its Clearing Members for their Constituents with due notification. The Trades may be received from the Trading Entity of the Clearing Member also. Such Trades may be settled through the CSGL Account of the Depository;
- 2. Clearing Corporation shall have no relationship with the demat account holders of the Clearing Member and also of the Trading Entity. However, the details of the demat account holders of the Clearing Member and of the Trading Entities shall be captured through the Clearing Members by Clearing Corporation;
- **3.** The Constituent ID shall be al lotted to each Constituent (Demat account holder) of the Clearing Member for the purpose of Settlement of Demat Trades;
- **4.** Clearing Members shall ensure that request for Constituent ID is submitted to Clearing Corporation with details as prescribed. Clearing Member shall submit Demat Trades only after allotment of Constituent ID by Clearing Corporation;
- 5. The settlement process flow shall be as notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time;
- **6.** Clearing Members shall ensure delivery of security in respect of sale in demat of each demat account holder;
- 7. Clearing Members shall be responsible for Settlement of both securities and funds obligations in respect of Demat Trades;
- **8.** The security shortage, if any, shall be processed by Clearing Corporation in terms of the Chapter VII "Settlement Shortage and Defaults" of these Regulations;
- 9. Clearing Members shall also be responsible for margin contribution, for all Demat Trades;
- **10.** Clearing Members shall be responsible for replenishment of shortage in Demat Trades settled by them and also all charges incidental to such shortage which are either handled or allocated by Clearing Corporation as per the provisions of its Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations;
- **11.** Clearing Members shall credit the demat account holder, the security balances in respect of their purchases, immediately on receipt of credit from the Depository in its Demat Pool Account;
- **12.** Clearing Corporation shall provide reports, giving details of Trades received f rom t he respective Members for Settlement indemat, the net deliverable/receivable obligations for Constituent and net deliverable / receivable obligations for all C onstituents with a depositor y;
- **13.** Clearing Members shall be responsible for providing all requisite details to their Constituents and to Trading Entities in respect of Trades done by Trading Entities for their Constituents;
- **14.** Clearing Members of Clearing Corporation shall be responsible to adhere to all provisions of the respective Regulators and provisions applicable under an y other l aws, rules or regulations i ncluding but not l imited to compliance, reporting and other aspects, i n respect of DEMAT Trades received f rom M embers and settled by Clearing Corporation.
- **15.** Suspension of Services
  - a. In case of any Force Majeure event, Clearing Corporation reserves the right to suspend

- the Settlement of Demat Trades without notice. Clearing Corporation may also suspend services with prior notice t o Members due to any other unavoidable circumstances including but not limited to termination or suspension of arrangement with depository.
- 16. Clearing Corporation shall have no liability whatsoever for any damage, liabilities, losses (including any loss of data or profits) or/ and any other consequences that may be a result of or arising out of the relationship between the Clearing Members and depository or the Clearing Members and their Constituents. The Clearing Member shall be solely responsible for their compliances arising out of all applicable laws relating to demat transactions including but not limited to directions under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 and Regulations thereunder.

### CHAPTER XVIII: SETTLEMENT OF RBI RETAIL DIRECT TRADES

[The contents of this Chapter will be applicable to the Constituents admitted under the Retail Direct Scheme of the Reserve Bank of India, as amended from time to time. No provisions of the Bye-Laws, Rules and other Chapters of the Securities Segment Regulations, will be applicable to the Constituents of the Retail Direct Scheme, unless specifically mentioned in this Chapter.]

### A. Definitions

- 1. **Approving Authority** means the Managing Director of Clearing Corporation.
- 2. **Board** means the Board of Directors of Clearing Corporation
- 3. **Clearing Corporation** means The Clearing Corporation of India Ltd.
- 4. **Chapter** means this Chapter XVIII: SETTLEMENT OF RBI RETAIL DIRECT TRADES under the Securities Segment Regulations of the Clearing Corporation.
- 5. **Constituent** for the purpose of this Chapter shall mean the "Retail Investor" as specified under the Scheme, who is not a Member of Clearing Corporation but settles Trades through a Member.
- 6. **Gilt Account** means an account for holding 'Government Securities of the Constituent.
- 7. **Member** for the purpose of this Chapter means the Reserve Bank of India under the Retail Direct Scheme.
- 8. **Payment Gateway** means the third-party service arrangement which facilitates a Constituent to remit funds to Clearing Corporation.
- 9. **RBI** means the Reserve Bank of India.
- 10. **Scheme** means the Retail Direct Scheme of the Reserve Bank of India, as amended f rom t ime to t ime.
- 11. **UPI** means Unified Payments Interface.

Wherever any term used in this Chapter and not defined under the above definition part will have the meaning assigned to it under regulations or circulars, directions issued by RBI under Retail Direct Scheme or Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007.

# **B.** Scope and Applicability

- 1. Clearing Corporation will extend the facility of Clearing and Settlement services to retail investors as mentioned in the Retail Direct Scheme of RBI.
- 2. For the purpose of this Chapter, the Member will be recognized as counterparty for the l imited purpose of acting on behalf of the Constituent under the Retail Direct Scheme.
- **3.** While Clearing Corporation will act as a 'central counterparty' for all the transactions under the Retail Direct Scheme between the counterparties, i t will also act on behalf of the Member, as may be authorized by the RBI to carry out all such functions under the Retail Direct Scheme.

# C. Management of Operations

- 1. In order to implement the facility, the Board may make any rules or changes as may be required for the management of operations and/or function in connection with or related to the clearing and Settlement arising from the Retail Direct Scheme.
- 2. The Board of Directors, if required, may appoint one or more Committee(s) or vest with the Managing Director, such powers for administration and / or management of any aspect of the Clearing Corporation's business operations and delegate to the Committee or MD such powers and responsibilities as may be decided by the Board.
- 3. The Board of Directors, may for smooth functioning of the operations of the Retail Direct Scheme, make such changes in process or procedures or to the rules of this chapter.

# D. Membership

- **1.** Any eligible individual, on admission under the RBI Retail Direct Scheme will be admitted as a Constituent.
- **2.** A Constituent is required to adhere to the annual review and/ or periodic KYC process as may be required by the Member from t ime to t ime.
- **3.** A Constituent will be given a Constituent ID upon successful completion of all registration formalities. On getting the Constituent ID, the Retail Investor will become eligible to the services of Clearing and Settlement of the transactions under the Retail Direct Scheme. Mere submission of an application, online or physical, by i tself will not entitle a person to be admitted to the Retail Direct Scheme or as a Constituent of the Member.
- **4.** A Retail Investor who has been admitted as a Constituent is required, at all t imes, to retain the details of Gilt Account opened at the t ime of registration.
- 5. Every Constituent is required to submit accurate information of mobile number, e- mail ID and bank account and such other details required for the purpose of registration on the Retail Direct Portal. All refunds, payments etc. receivable by the Constituent, will be credited to the bank account so provided by the Constituent.
- **6.** Any change in the details provided as mentioned in the sub-Regulation D. 4 should be updated by the Constituent on the Retail Direct Portal immediately.
- **7.** Constituent should quote i ts Constituent ID and Gilt Account number in all the communication sent to the Clearing Corporation..
- **8.** It is clarified that Clearing Corporation disc laims any 1 iability arising out of inadequate or incorrect information of the bank account details or delay in communication of the change in bank account details.
- **9.** The charges, i f any, levied by the bank/ Payment Gateway for t ransfer of funds remitted by the Constituent to the Clearing Corporation will have to be borne by the Constituent.

### E. Clearing and Settlement

1. All the Settlements under this Chapter will be carried out on T+ 1 basis or such other basis as may be advised by Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

- 2. The Settlement will be carried out in the manner stated below:
- 2.1 The Settlement of a 11 Retail t rades under t he Retail Direct Scheme, will be carried out t hrough t he Gilt Account of t he Constituents t o be opened and maintained in t he CSGL ac count of RBI a t PDO RBI.
- 2.2 Clearing Corporation will net all buy and sell positions of the Constituents for each security for a Settlement Date.
- 2.3 Clearing Corporation will communicate t o the Constituent at the end of T rading Sessions t he particulars of:
- a alltransactions of the Constituent.
- b. netted position of t he Constituent.
- 2.4 The Gilt Account of the Constituent will contain the particulars of the netted balances of transactions undertaken by the Constituent.
- 2.5 A Constituent is required to maintain clear balance of 'securities' in its Gilt Account before undertaking any security 'sell' trade. Similarly, Constituent shall remit adequate funds before undertaking any security 'buy' trade under the RBI Retail Direct Scheme.

# 3. Conditions and Procedure for undertaking the Settlement transactions

# 3.1 Where the Constituent buys the securities:

- 31.1 Before i ni t i a t i ng a bu y t rade on NDS OM, Constituent i s required t o remit t he adequate funds i n t he Current Account of t he Clearing Corporation. The Securities bought by a Constituent will be credited t o t he Constituent's Gilt Account on t he Settlement Date and only after actual receipt of funds by Clearing Corporation.
- 3.12 The ex cess funds remitted by Constituents over and above their trade consideration, will be returned to the Constituents before the end of the day on the Settlement Date.
- 3.13 A Constituent is permitted to place order(s) based on the remittance made either through UPI or net banking and on receipt of the successful remittance message by Clearing Corporation.
- 3.14 In case of buy transactions of securities, the Clearing Corporation will credit the Gilt Account of the Constituent only at the end of the Settlement day after completion of all Settlement transactions and after receipt of funds.
- 3.15 Non- receipt of funds whether i n full or in part t o meet t he deliverable obligation by Clearing Corporation t i l l Settlement completion on a Settlement day shall be t reated as a funds shortage of t he concerned Constituent.
- 3.16 The securit y (i es) will be credited to Constituent's RDG a count only after the receipt of funds f rom Payment Gatewa y/ bank on account of the RDG Account holder.
- 31.7 In case of a Securities shortage all ocation to the Constituent, the same shall be compensated in cash.

# 3.2 Where the Constituent sells the securities:

321 A Constituent will be permitted to sell unencumbered Securit y only i f that Securit y i s available i n the Gilt Account.

- The Face Value of the securities identified for sale will be immediately blocked to the Constituent's GILT Account on the trade date itself.
- Upon i nit i at i ng a sale t ransaction on the NDS OM, a Constituent cannot create any Pledge/ Gift/ Lien or any t hird part y i nterest i n respect of the security which is being sold. However, if the sale t ransaction is not successful on the system, the Constituent is free to t ransfer by Gift, create Pledge or Lien on that security.
- 324 A Constituent cannot undertake an y sale t ransaction of a securit y on the NDS OM systems, if any pledge or lien is created on that Security or the Security is already marked as transaction of Gift in the system.
- 325 The sale proceeds of t he securities sale t ransaction (i. e. funds) of t he Constituent will be credited t o t he bank account of the Constituent at the end of t he day, on t he Settlement Date after completion of al 1 Settlements and only after t he receipt of securities.
- 3.3 Clearing Corporation will generate and provide to each Constituent the Securities and funds obligation reports.
- 3.4 The Securities obligation reports will contain particulars of all transactions of the Constituent and the position of Securities Receivable or Securities Pa yab le for a Settlement Date.
- 3.5 The Funds Obligation report will contain particulars of net funds payable or receivable by a Constituent for its trades received by the Clearing Corporation for Settlement.
- 3.6 Clearing Corporation will credit t he i nterest (coupon) and / or redemption proceeds t o the Constituent's bank account registered on the Retail Direct Portal, on the same day.
- 3.7 W here necessary, Clearing Corporation will notif y other details of t he sett l ement process i n addition t o the above.

# F. Authority for Debit and Credit Mandate

Constituent, is considered to have authorized the Clearing Corporation under this Regulation of this Chapter, to debit or credit i ts Gilt Account opened under the CSGL Account in order to carry out the sale and purchase transactions of the Government Securities. Similarly, a Constituent is considered to have authorised the Clearing Corporation under this Regulation of the Chapter, to credit the funds in the Constituent's registered bank account for the purpose of carrying out the sale of Government Securities t ransaction. In case of any change in bank account, this mandate is considered to be extended to such changed bank account as well.

# **G.** Central Counterparty

- 1. All the buy and sell t rans actions of Government Securities will be entered into by the Member on behalf of Constituent with another counterparty on an anonymous basis on the NDS OM platform.
- 2. All transactions under the Scheme will be executed through the Clearing Corporation, actin g as a central counterparty.

- 3. The central counterparty will interpose i tself between two counterparties in the anonymous t rading and Settlement system and act as buyer to seller and seller to buyer only for the l imited purpose of completion of Settlement transactions.
- 4. All the t rades made by a Constituent for the day on the NDS OM platform with other counterparties, that means to say, another Constituent or a non- retail counterparty of Clearing Corporation, will be netted and a net payable or net receivable position for the Constituent will be arrived at. Such net payable position will constitute as amount due from the Member on behalf of the Constituent to the Clearing Corporation and net receivable position will constitute as amount due from the Clearing Corporation to the Member on behalf of the Constituent. For the purpose of this Chapter, the Member will be recognized as a counterparty for the l imited purpose of acting on behalf of the Constituent under the Retail Direct Scheme.
- 5. While Clearing Corporatio n will act as a central counterparty for all the transactions of Retail Direct Scheme between the counterparties, i t will also act on behalf of the Member as authorized by RBI to carry out all such functions under the Retail Direct Scheme.

# H. Admission or Rejection of Trades

- 1. Clearing Corporation may, approve, defer, or reject such Trades for Clearing and Settlement subject to such terms as i t may deem fit.
- 2. Regardless of the above, Clearing Corporation shall not be responsible for the title, ownership of the s ecurities delivered or received and genuineness, regularity and validity of transactions/ t rades or the loss and damages arising theref rom. Any questions in respect of the title, ownership, genuineness, regularity and validity i f and when arising, shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.
- 3. An Unscheduled Holiday (USH) may be declared on the happening of events that lead to the total disruption of transactions coming to a halt, such as strike, disruption of public utility services due to heavy rains or any other factor beyond the control of Clearing Corporation. In such cases, all t rades due for Settlement on such days shall be rolled over to the next business day i. e. Modified Settlement Date (MSD) at the t raded price of the security/ yield of the Treasury Bill. In case of t rades in dated Securities, the coupon amount for USH and subsequent holiday(s), i f any, will be added by Clearing Corporation to the respective t rade considerations. In case of Trades in Treasury Bills, the pri ce of the relative Treasury Bills will be recomputed by Clearing Corporation on the MSD at the t raded yield. Constituent will pay such difference between the t rade consideration to Clearing Corporation on MSD itself.

# I. Notification, Notice or Communicati on

The words "Notification", "Notice" or "Communication" refer to an y intimation that may be served on a Constituent at his/her address and/or his/her last known address in an yone or more or all of the following ways:

- a delivery by post
- b. sent by regist ered post
- c. sending i t under certificate of posting

- d sent by ex press delivery/ courier services
- e. affixing i t on t he door at the l ast known address
- f. oral communication
- g advertising i t at least once i n an y prominent daily newspaper.
- h sending a m essage t hrough the RBI Retail Direct portal
- i The notification on Clearing Corporation website/ RBI Retail Direct website.
- j. b y SMS, e l ectronic mail or fax or any other e l ectronic network.
- k. any other accepted mode of communication.

Any communication s ent by Clearing Corporation to the Constituents is presumed to have been properly delivered or served, if the same is sent to the ordinary address and/or ordinary place of residence and/or last known address of the part y in any on e or more of the ways ment i oned above.

# J. Reports

- 1. Clearing Corporation will provide Interim/ Final reports, giving details of the t ransaction to the Constituent on the RBI Retail Direct Portal and/ or SMS/ Email ID.
- 2. Clearing Corporation will not be l i able for any dela y or non deliver y o f SMS or emails or due t o the non availabilit y of t he Retail Direct Portal, arising f rom or relating t o an y factor not i n the control of t he Clearing Corporation.

# **K.** Clearing Hours

The hours for working in Clearing and Settlement of different segments of Clearing Corporation will be notified by Clearing Corporation from time to time.

# L. Business Hours

- 1. The business hours for transactions in various segments will be applicable as decided by Reserve Bank of India.
- 2. Clearing Corporation would normally function on all the days, excluding Sundays and such other days declared as holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 or where transactions/Settlement may not take place as declared by RBI or such other authority.

### M. Record For Evidence

- 1. The record of Clearing Corporation in any form electronic or otherwise, including record of telephonic conversations duly authenticated by an authorized official of the IT department of the Clearing Corporation will be conclusive evidence in relation to any trades cleared and settled through Clearing Corporation.
- 2. For the purposes of any disputes regarding Clearing and Settlement of trades such records as maintained by Clearing Corporation will be conclusive evidence in any dispute or claim between or amongst the Members inter-se or between Constituent, Member and Clearing Corporation.

# **N.** Members Only Parties to Trades

1. Every Constituent through the Member shall be directly and wholly liable to Clearing Corporation, unless it is expressly specified otherwise by Clearing Corporation in all transactions executed. The Clearing Corporation will not recognize any other party other than the Member except as stated herein.

### O. Inviolability of Admitted Trades

- 1. Trades cleared and settled by the Clearing Corporation in accordance with this Chapter shall be final and irrevocable.
- 2. Regardless of the above, Clearing Corporation may on application by any affected Member/ Constituent in that behalf decline to clear or settle any trade, if Clearing Corporation is satisfied after hearing the parties to the trade(s) that the trade(s) is/are fit for rejection on account of fraud or market manipulations or price manipulations in the trade or in relation to any instruments. However, in any event where the deals have been novated as mentioned in this Chapter, such deals will be irrevocable for the purpose of effecting Settlement. This will become effective without prejudice to other actions under this Chapter or any other law.

# P. Finality of Settlement

A Settlement effected in accordance with this Chapter shall be final and irrevocable.

### Q. Grievance Redressal

Any query or grievances related to 'Retail Direct' Scheme can be raised on the portal which will be handled/resolved by Public Debt Office (PDO), RBI, Mumbai or RBI's agents (in this case the Clearing Corporation).

# R. Directions of RBI, Variations and Jurisdiction

- 1. Regardless of what is stated in this Chapter, any direction or circular or rule or guideline issued by the RBI under the PSS Act, 2007 or PSS Regulations are to be considered and read as part of this Chapter. In case of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Chapter and the direction or circular or rule or guideline of RBI, the latter shall prevail.
- 2. The Regulations under this Chapter will be part of the Securities Segment Regulations read with the Bye-Laws and Rules of the Clearing Corporation. Accordingly any change made to this Chapter will be read and interpreted in accordance with the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 and Regulations thereunder and the laws of India.
- 3. All parties to a reference under this Chapter shall be deemed to have submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Mumbai for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Chapter and the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

# S. Bankruptcy of Clearing Corporation

- 1. Where, by an order of a Court, Tribunal or authority:
- 1.1 Clearing Corporation is declared as insolvent or is dissolved or wound up; or
- 1.2 A liquidator or receiver or assignee (by whatever name called) whether

provisional or otherwise, is appointed in a proceeding relating to insolvency or dissolution or winding of Clearing Corporation, all the outstanding trades with Clearing Corporation shall stand terminated forthwith and any receivables/ credit to the Member shall be returned in the manner set out in Section 23 of the PSS Act.

# T. General Provisions

- 1. Except specifically mentioned in this Chapter, Clearing Corporation will not be liable for all its bonafide acts, and accordingly no claim can be preferred against it for such acts. Furthermore, no action shall lie against Clearing Corporation, its directors, employees, its officers or any of its authorized person(s) for all their acts in good faith on behalf of Clearing Corporation.
- 2. Clearing Corporation shall have the full discretion to part with/disclose or disseminate such information concerning the Constituents' trade settled and cleared through Clearing Corporation as deemed necessary to Regulator, Governmental, judicial authorities under any law or any investigative or other agencies.
- 3. Clearing Corporation will provide only the aggregated market information and/or trade by trade information regarding volumes, last traded price/rate and other information related to a trade etc., on trade concluded or reported by Constituents, to press, media, information vendors or any other person for consideration or otherwise. In any case, such data will not contain identity of counterparties.
- 4. Clearing Corporation shall not be held responsible or liable for any consequences arising out of failure of computer systems, telecommunication network and other equipment installed at the Constituent's premises. Clearing Corporation shall also not be liable for failure or breakdown of its systems or power outage or any hacking etc., resulting in non- availability of the systems for trading and Settlements. It shall also not be responsible for any force majeure event such as Act of God, civil commotion, strikes, riots or any other factor beyond its control resulting in non-availability of its systems for clearing and Settlements. Nonetheless, Clearing Corporation shall take all such reasonable steps as are required to restore the Constituents through the Member to their restitutionary rights.
- 5. The Constituents shall maintain all necessary infrastructure so as to connect to the Retail Direct Portal and shall solely be responsible for the same.
- 6. No failure or delay on the part of Clearing Corporation in the exercise of any power, right or privilege here under shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any failure or delay in exercise of such power, right or privilege preclude Clearing Corporation from further exercise thereof.
- 7. Clearing Corporation shall not be liable for any unauthorized deals on the Retail Direct portal by any person acting in the name of the Constituent.
  - Clearing Corporation may, at its discretion for the reasons to be recorded in writing (in electronic or physical form), approve, defer, or reject deals received by it for matching, Clearing and Settlement for not conforming to any of the provisions specified in this Chapter.
- 8. The provisions of this Chapter, in so far as they relate to dealing operations shall be applicable and continue to bind and govern the Constituents through the

Member, as if the provisions of this chapter are enacted as part of the trading part of this Chapter.

# 9. Right to collect information.

Clearing Corporation may as and when required seek information from the Constituents through the Member in respect of their financial position, state of business, regulatory action, etc.

# 10. Right to impose conditions, reduce limits.

If any activity of the Constituent is observed to be contrary to the interest of the market or the payment system itself, Clearing Corporation may, at its discretion, impose such condition as may be necessary to ensure the safety of the system including imposition of lower limits or reduction of the existing limits.

- 11. Clearing Corporation will have the right to terminate the Constituent if such Constituent is adjudged to be insolvent, lunatic, declared as offender by a Court of Law or authority or disqualified by any regulator or authority from dealing in these markets or due to any legal disability, or otherwise barred from any activity in any of the financial markets. Termination of Membership will disable a Constituent from undertaking further transactions including trading clearing and Settlement.
- 12. Clearing Corporation may also suspend a Constituent for a shorter period if he has incurred any legal or regulatory disqualification.