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**Companies Act 2013 during the week**

**Notifications - 0; Rules -0; Circulars - 1; Orders-0; Important Notices -0**

S. No	Date of Issue	Rules/Circular/ Notification/Order	Contents thereof	Gist thereof
1.	19.02.2024	Circular	<b>Deployment and usage of Change Request Form (CRF) on MCA-21</b>	MCA vide its General Circular informed the Stakeholders that the Change Request Form (CRF) has been made available on V3 portal for the convenience of users of MCA-21 services and is primarily intended to be used for purposes like Master Data correction and to comply with certain directions of Courts/Tribunals, which ordinarily cannot be complied with, through existing functionality of forms or services on MCA-21 system. Further, it is to be used only under exceptional circumstances & not as a substitute to any reporting, application & registry requirements as per Companies act, 2013 & LLP act, 2008.

S. No	NEWS ON MCA
1.	<p><b>Cabinet approves amendment in the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy on Space Sector</b></p> <p>The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the amendment in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy on space sector on 21/02/2024. Now, the satellites subsector has been divided into three different activities with defined limits for foreign investment in each such sector. The proposed reforms seek to liberalize the FDI policy provisions in space sector by prescribing liberalized entry route and providing clarity for FDI in Satellites, Launch Vehicles and associated systems or subsystems, Creation of Spaceports for launching and receiving Spacecraft and manufacturing of space related components and systems.</p>



**SEBI during the week**

**Circulars-1 Report -0; Notification – 0; Regulation-0; Others -1**

S. No	Date of Issue	Rules/Circulars/ Notification/ Order	Contents thereof	Gist thereof
1.	20.02.2024	Circular	<b>Centralization of certifications under Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Common Reporting Standard (CRS) at KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs)</b>	Based on feedback received from stakeholders in securities market, and for ease of doing business and compliance reporting, it is decided that the intermediaries, who are RFI, shall upload the FATCA and CRS certifications obtained from the clients onto the system of KRAs with effect from July 01, 2024 and the existing certifications obtained from

				<p>clients prior to July 01,2024 shall be uploaded by the intermediaries onto the systems of KRAs within a period of 90 days of implementation of this circular. The onus of obtaining and reporting the FATCA and CRS certification and related compliances shall lie with the respective intermediaries.</p> <p>The intermediary shall confirm the reasonableness of such certification based on the information obtained in respect of account opening, including any documentation obtained in accordance with Prevention of Money Laundering (Maintenance of Records)Rules, 2005 and shall update the self-certification, as and when, there is a change reported by the client and the KRAs shall develop their systems/mechanism, in co-ordination with each other and shall follow uniform internal guidelines/standards, in consultation with SEBI.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>23.02.2024</b>	<b>Consultation Paper</b>	<b>Consultation Paper on Ease of Doing Business Initiatives for Mutual Funds</b>	<p>SEBI, on 23.02.2024, released a Consultation Paper on Ease of Doing Business Initiatives for Mutual Funds. The objective of this consultation paper is to seek comments/suggestions from public on the proposals regarding ease of doing business initiatives for Mutual Funds (MFs).</p>

S.No	NEWS ON SEBI
1.	<p><b>SEBI mulls mandatory registration of PMS distributors with industry body APMI</b></p> <p>Markets regulator SEBI proposed promoting collective oversight of PMS distributors by making registration with the Association of Portfolio Managers in India (APMI) mandatory for them and facilitating ease of digital onboarding process for portfolio managers’ clients. The proposals are aimed at promoting ease of doing business initiatives for portfolio managers. This came after the Finance Minister in the Budget announcements for the financial year 2023-24 made an announcement to simplify, ease, and reduce the cost of compliance for participants in the financial sector through a consultative approach. In its consultation paper, the regulator proposed making registration with APMI mandatory for PMS (Portfolio Manager Services) distributors.</p>

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**RBI during the week**

**Notifications - 1; Master Directions –0; Circulars -0; Press Release-0**

S.No	Date of Issue	Rules/Circulars/ Notifications/ Order / Press release	Subject	Gist thereof
1.	23.02.2024	Notification	<b>Amendment to Master Direction on Prepaid Payment Instruments</b>	The Master Directions issued by RBI on Prepaid Payment Instruments (MD-PPIs) (as amended from time to time) prescribes various types of PPIs which banks and non-banks can issue after obtaining necessary approval / Authorization from RBI. To

				<p>provide convenience, speed, affordability, and safety of digital modes of payment to commuters for transit services, it has been decided to permit authorised bank and non-bank PPI issuers to issue PPIs for making payments across various public transport systems. These instructions are issued under Section 18 read with Section 10 (2) of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (Act 51 of 2007). These instructions shall come into effect immediately.</p>
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<b>S.No</b>	<b>NEWS ON RBI</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>No top-up or transfer of money to Paytm Payments Bank accounts after March 15</b></p> <p>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), while extending the deadline for restriction imposed on Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) till March 15, 2024, issued a detailed list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on February 16, 2024 for customers of the bank. While the RBI said customers can't transfer or deposit money into the PPBL accounts after March 15, they can use the money lying in PPBL accounts till it's exhausted. Last month, the RBI had barred Paytm Payments Bank from accepting deposits or top-ups in any customer account, prepaid instruments, wallets, FASTags and NCMC card after February 29, 2024 in the wake of persistent non-compliances and material.</p>

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**IBC during the week**

**Press Release – 0; Master Direction – 0; Notification – 0; Circulars – 2; Order -0; Others - 0**

S. No	Date	Rules/Circulars/ Notifications/Order /Press Release	Contents thereof	Gist thereof
1.	22.02.2024	Circular	<b>Enhancing Transparency and Stakeholder Engagement in Liquidation Process</b>	The IBBI has released a circular for Enhancing Transparency and Stakeholder Engagement in Liquidation Process by giving Directions for the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Circulation of progress reports to stakeholders</li> <li>2. Preparation of preliminary report</li> <li>3. Sharing of final report, Form H, and process closure/dissolution order with IBBI</li> </ol>
1.	22.02.2024	Circular	<b>Deposit and withdrawal of unclaimed dividends and / or undistributed proceeds in accordance with regulation 46 of the Insolvency and</b>	Regulation 46 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016 provides a framework for the management of unclaimed deposits and undistributed proceeds during the liquidation process. As per the regulation, liquidators are mandated to deposit unclaimed / undistributed amounts into the Corporate Liquidation Account and inform the Insolvency and

			<b>Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016 (Liquidation Regulations)</b>	Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI / Board) in Form-I of the Liquidation Regulations. To facilitate the request received from a stakeholder who claims to be entitled to any amount deposited into the Corporate Liquidation Account for withdrawal before the dissolution of the corporate debtor, the liquidator, after due verification, shall apply to the Board in the form as prescribed, for the release of the amount for onward distribution to such stakeholder
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	<b>NIL</b>

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**Others during the week**

**ICAI – 0; DGFT – 0; NCLT – 0; ICSI – 0; OTHERS -0;**

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S NO	GENERAL NEWS
1.	<p><b>NFRA Update:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NFRA Set to Initiate first Annual inspection of Key Audit Firms by April, 2024 for Enhanced Compliance and Standards. NFRA is set to commence its inaugural annual review of major auditing organizations, including the Big Five, by April at the latest.</li> <li>2. This review will focus on evaluating their procedures and adopted standards. The NFRA intends to assess how well these firms adhere to the recommendations issued in its December 2023 reports, where it pointed out various shortcomings in their operational processes, particularly concerning the provision of non-audit services to their audit clients.</li> <li>3. In addition to the Big Five, the regulator plans to inspect other auditing firms, selecting them based on a set of “risk-based parameters” currently being developed through data analysis.</li> <li>4. The inspections will also examine the auditors’ ability to maintain effective communication with the audit committees of publicly listed companies, especially the larger ones.</li> <li>5. The Big Five are significant players in the Indian auditing landscape, having managed audits for three-fifths of Nifty-500 companies as of March 2023.</li> <li>6. After the completion of its inspections, the NFRA will provide the audited firms sufficient time to respond to its findings before making its reports available to the public.</li> </ol>



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## Update on Regulated Sector- 4

S.No	Sector	Update
1.	<b>Insurance Regulatory And Development Authority of India</b>	The Central Government, on 16.02.2024, issued a Gazette notification on “Obligatory Cession for the financial year 2024-25”. The notification is applicable to Indian Re-insurers and other applicable insurers as per the provisions of Section 101A of the Insurance Act, 1938.
2.	<b>The Competition Commission of India (Lesser Penalty) Regulations, 2024</b>	The Competition Commission issued a Gazette notification on 20.02.2024, called the Competition Commission of India (Lesser Penalty) Regulations, 2024 envisaging procedure & provisions for granting lesser penalty, subject to the conditions as laid down in the amended regulations.
3.	<b>Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) seeks public comments on Draft Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading</b>	The Central Consumer Protection Authority has sought public comments on Draft Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading Advertisement in Coaching Sector. Draft Guidelines are placed on the website of the Department of Consumer Affairs and are accessible through the link provided in its website and public comments are solicited which may be provided to the Central Authority within 30 days (until 16th March 2024).

	<b>Advertisement in Coaching Sector</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology</b>	Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Mr. Rajeev Chandrasekhar announced that the government will come out with a draft regulatory framework for artificial intelligence (AI) by July this year with an intention to harness AI for economic growth and address potential risks and harms. Mr. Chandrasekhar had earlier said that the government's approach to regulating AI includes establishing principles and a comprehensive list of harms and criminalities related to the technology & that the government preferred to provide clear standards for platforms that addressed concerns like bias and misuse during model training, rather than regulating AI at certain stages of its development.



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