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The Reserve Bank of India receives requests for information under the Right to Information Act, 2005. Some information furnished by the Chief Public Information Officer in response requests, would be of interest to the members of the public. Such information is furnished in this Disclosure Log.

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Information pertaining to Currency Management

RIA No	Information Sought	Reply given/ Information provided	Date of Reply
RIA 5831/201 3-14/DCM	Please mention physical features of following denomination of notes/coins, approved by Reserve Bank of India /mint. Dimension of following denomination of notes/coins-Rs. 1000, Rs. 500, Rs. 100, Rs. 50, Rs. 20, Rs. 10, Rs. 5, Rs. 2, Re. 1Coins Rs. 10, Rs.5, Rs. 2, Re. 1, Re. 1/50 Dimension means diameter/thickness or length and breadth, thickness, /height /depts. in	Available information in the form it exists, about the size of contemporary banknotes in the denomination of Rs. 5, Rs.10, Rs.20, Rs.50, Rs.100, Rs.500 and Rs.1000 in Mahatma Gandhi Series, may be accessed on the Bank's website www.rbi.org.in on the following link- For common person>Extra Curricular> Currency Museum> Contemporary Bank Notes>Bank Notes Information about Re 1 and Rs. 2 notes is not available with us. Available information, in the form it exists, on dimension of some of the coins may be accessed on the Bank's website www.rbi.org.in on the following link- For common person> Extra Curricular> Currency Museum> Coinage	
3297/11- 12 DCM	cms. Arrangements for minting of coins and	(i) Arrangements for minting of coins is done through the following Mints of Government of India:	Februar y 7, 2012

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	printing of notes and names and	(a) India Government Mint Shahid Bhagat Singh Marg Fort, Mumbai 400023	
	addresses of	(b) India Government Mint Alipore, Kolkata 600053	
	agencies [Mints / Note Presses] in	(c) India Government Mint D-2, Sector -1, P.O.Box No.78 Noida 201301	
	India	(d) India Government Mint IDA Phase, Cherapally (R.R.District) Hyderabad 500051	
		Arrangements for printing of notes is done through the following Currency Presses:	
		(a) Currency Note Press Nashik Road - 422101 (b) Bank Note Press Dewas 455001	
		(c) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt. Ltd. Note Mudran Nagar Mysore 570003 (d) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt. Ltd. Salboni - 721132	
2886/11- 12 DCM	Procedure & Terms of supply of new currency in various chests of banks	(i) As regards the procedure, allocation of notes and coins to Reserve Bank of India offices is made on the basis of indent placed to presses and mints. Offices of Reserve Bank of India arrange remittances to currency chests under their jurisdiction as per the periodical indents placed by the currency chests and stocks available with them as well as with the currency chest. Currency chest branches in turn supply notes and coins received from Reserve Bank of India offices to other branches linked to them. There are no terms and conditions.	January 13, 2012
RIA 2439/200 7-08	What are the different forms and value of	Bank note/ coins are legal tender in payment or on account as indicated below:	July 25, 2008
7-00	Rupee accepted as per Indian law?	(i) Banknote of any denomination and coin of any denomination not lower than a rupee for any sum.	
	When does an in-use rupee form become invalid or not acceptable? is there any Govt order that describes an invalid form of rupee? Is a torn/damaged rupee note valid? What damage will make rupee note invalid (eg complete torn apart note, half torn note etc.? What are various options available for one to follow to make an invalid rupee note valid.	(iii) In case of a half rupee coin for any sum not exceeding 10 rupees. (iii) In the case of any other coin for any sum not exceeding one rupee. The Central Government may, by notification in the gazette, declare that with effect from such date as may be specified, any series of bank notes of any denomination shall cease to be legal tender. Further, no person shall of right be entitled to recover from the Government or the Reserve Bank of India, the value of any lost, stolen, mutilated or imperfect currency note of Government of India or banknote. The value of imperfect / mutilated note may be refunded as a matter of grace subject to conditions and limitations. Soiled bank notes (i.e. notes which have become dirty and due to excessive use or double numbered banknote cut into two pieces but on which both the numbers are intact) can be exchanged for full value at Reserve Bank of India or any commercial bank branch. The public can get value of mutilated notes (i.e. notes which are torn, disfigured, burnt, washed, eaten by white ants etc.) as a matter of grace, as laid down in the RBI Note Refund Rules 1975 (as amended up to 1980) after adjudication. Currently, provisions exist for payment of full, half or no value as far as bank notes of Rs.10 and above are concerned. As regards Re.1/-, Rs.2/-, and Rs.5/-notes, the tenderer can get either full or no value depending upon the condition of the note. Mutilated notes can be tendered at Reserve Bank of India Offices/designated bank branches. The following types of banknotes are not eligible for payment under RBI Note Refund Rules, 1975 (as amended up to 1980) A banknote which is • less than half the area of the full note.	
		 devoid of the major portion of the number on an undivided area i.e. the prefix and three digits or four digits of the number in banknotes up to and inclusive of Rs.5/- in respect of banknotes of Rs.10/- and above where this inadequacy is present at both 	

		the numbering panels.	
		Cancelled by any office of Reserve Bank of India or against	
		which the value has already been paid.	
		found to be forged / counterfeit.	
		Deliberately cut or tampered, carrying extrinsic words or visible	
		representation intended to convey or capable of conveying any	
		message of a political character	
		Notes can be exchanged / tendered for adjudication over the	
		counters of Reserve Bank of India Offices/designated bank	
		branches. Mutilated notes can be sent by post for adjudication	
		to the nearest Issue Office of Reserve Bank of India.	
2	Instructions		Aug 27,
RIA 135/	given by RBI to	Information on instructions given to banks on exchange of mutilated notes is in our Master Circular- "Facility for exchange of Notes and	2007
2007-08		Coins" available	2007
DCM	banks regarding exchange of	at http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=3671&Mode	
DCIVI	mutilated notes.	=0 on our website.	
1			Aug 22
RIA	Are 25 paise and	The 25 paise and 50 paise coins are legal tender and are not withdraws from circulation. They may be validly used/ accepted for	Aug 22, 2007.
	50 paise coins	withdrawn from circulation. They may be validly used/ accepted for	2007.
133/2007-	withdrawn from	all transactions. RBI has issued press release to that effect and has	
08 DCM	circulation?	also issued instructions to banks to display at all branches,	
		boards/notices for information of customers/ general public to the	
		effect that all 25 and 50 paise coins continue to be valid/legal tender	
		and may be used for transactions in the normal course.	

Information pertaining to Communication

RIA No	Information Sought	Reply given/ Information provided	Date of Reply
3462/11-	Detailed policy of the	The Department of Communication [DoC] prepares	February 17,
12 DOC	Reserve Bank of India for release of advertisements in Media	a panel of approved advertising agencies for use by all the Regional Offices and Central Office Departments of the Reserve Bank of India. The Advertising Agencies have to meet a detailed eligibility criteria prescribed by the RBI for being considered for empanelment. Whenever an advertisement has to be inserted in the print / electronic media, the work is assigned to an empanelled advertisement agency on rotation basis. The agencies are required to execute the work assigned to them as per the time schedules prescribed by the RBI.	2012
		The work of releasing advertisements through the media is decentralized. Except for advertisements involving large budgets and creativity, which are coordinated by the DoC, the Central Office Departments of the RBI and the Regional Offices issue advertisements locally through one of the advertisement agencies on the approved panel. The Indian Newspaper Society (INS) publishes rules	
		for advertising in its Handbook of Press Publicity. The DoC circulates these rules to all the Central Office Departments and Regional Offices of the RBI for their information and use.	

Information pertaining to Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation

RIA No	Sr No	Query	Our Reply		
RIA	1.	If any Indian bank fails, what is the minimum	If any Indian Bank fails in terms of		
4560/14-		and maximum amount to be paid to a savings	Section 16(1) of the DICGC Act, 1961		
15		bank account holder of the bank?	"the liability of the Corporation in respect		
	2.	If any Indian bank fails, what is the minimum and maximum amount to be paid to a Current holder of that bank?	of an insured bank will be limited to the deposits as on the date of the cancellation of the registration".		
	3.	If any Indian bank fails, what is the minimum and maximum amount to be paid to a fixed	Each depositor in a bank is insured up		

deposit account holder of that bank?

4. In case of dacoits or fire incident in the bank, what will be the amount of compensation to be paid to a locker holder in lieu of his belongings (gold silver jewellery) kept in the locker of that bank?

to a maximum of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) for deposits either in savings account, current account or fixed deposits held by him in the same right and same capacity as on the date of liquidation/cancellation of bank's licence or the date on which the scheme of amalgamation/merger/ reconstruction comes into force.

If more than one deposit accounts (Savings, Current, and Recurring or Fixed deposit) are jointly held by individuals in one or more than one branch of a bank and if their names appear in the same order, then these joint accounts are considered as held in same capacity and same right. Accordingly, the balances held in all these accounts will be aggregated for the purpose of determining the insured amount within the limit of Rupees one lakh only and is paid after setting off any amount legally entitled to be recovered from the depositor by the bank.

However, in terms of revised guidelines issued on April 26, 2007, if individuals open more than one joint accounts in which their names are not in the same order or group of persons are different, then the deposits held in these joint accounts are considered as held in different capacity and different right. Accordingly insurance cover will be available separately up to Rupees one lakh only to every such account where the names are appearing in different order or names are different. This has been explained in detail in the illustration. (Annex)

Insurance is extended only to the cash deposits held by the depositors of insured banks.

Annex

Deposits held in joint accounts (revised w.e.f. April 26, 2007)

If more than one deposit accounts (Savings, Current, Recurring or Fixed deposit) are jointly held by individuals in one or more branch of a bank say three individuals A, B & C hold more than one joint deposit accounts in which their names appear in the same order then all these accounts are considered as held in the same capacity and in the same right. Accordingly, balances held in all these accounts will be aggregated for the purpose of determining the insured amount within the limit of ₹1 lakh.

However, if individuals open more than one joint accounts in which their names are not in the same order for example, A, B and C; C, B and A; C, A and B; A, C and B; or group of persons are different say A, B and C and A, B and D etc. then, the deposits held in these joint accounts are considered as held in the different capacity and different right. Accordingly, insurance cover will be available separately upto rupees one lakh to every such joint account where the names appearing in different order or names are different.

Illustrations

Account (i) (Savings or Current A/C)	First a/c holder- "A" Second a/c holder - "B"	Maximum insured amount upto ₹1 lakh
Account (ii)	First a/c holder - "A" Second a/c holder - "C"	Maximum insured amount upto ₹1 lakh
Account (iii)	First a/c holder - "B" Second a/c holder - "A"	Maximum insured amount upto ₹1 lakh
Account (iv) at Branch 'X' of the bank	First a/c holder - "A" Second a/c holder - "B" Third a/c holder - "C"	Maximum insured amount upto ₹1 lakh
Account (v)	First a/c holder - "B" Second a/c holder - "C" Third a/c holder - "A"	Maximum insured amount upto ₹1 lakh
Account (vi)((Recurring or Fixed Deposit)	First a/c holder - "A" Second a/c holder - "B"	The account will be clubbed with the a/c at (i)
Account (vii) At Branch 'Y' of the bank	First a/c holder - "A" Second a/c holder - "B" Third a/c holder - "C"	The account will be clubbed with the a/c at (iv)
Account (viii)	First a/c holder - "A" Second a/c holder - "B" Third a/c holder - "D"	Maximum insured amount upto ₹1 lakh

Information pertaining to Economic and Policy Research

RIA No	Information Sought	Reply given/ Information provided	Date of Reply
2203/ 2013-14 DEPR	What happen if excess currency were printed?	As detailed in the "Frequently Asked Questions" link on the Reserve Bank of India website (http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/FAQView.aspx?ld=39), the Reserve Bank decides the volume and value of banknotes to be printed each year. The quantum of banknotes that needs to be printed, broadly depends on the requirement for meeting the demand for banknotes due to GDP growth, replacement of soiled banknotes, inflation and reserve stock requirements. This estimation is done with the help of statistical models/techniques.	
		The Government of India decides the quantity of coins to be minted on the basis of indents received from the Reserve Bank. Although coins of all denominations are issued by the government, they are put into circulation through the Reserve Bank. The Reserve Bank is the sole authority for issuing banknotes in India under Section 22 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. It also derives the role of currency management from the above act.	
		The currency operations are carried out through its 18 issue offices, one sub-office at Lucknow, a currency chest at Kochi and a wide net work of currency chests. These offices receive fresh banknotes from the banknote printing presses. The issue offices of the Reserve Bank send fresh banknote remittances to the designated branches of commercial banks. Once the bank notes are released into the banking system, they form a part of the currency in circulation, which is the liability of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank.	
		Section 34 (I) of the RBI Act requires that all bank notes issued by the Reserve Bank since April 1, 1935 and the currency notes issued by the Government of India before the commencement of operations of the Reserve Bank, be part of the liabilities of the Issue Department which stood at ₹12,016.24 billion as on June 30, 2013, including notes in circulation of ₹12,016.16 billion (Table 1).	

		Table 1: R	Reserve Bank o	f Indi: Issue I June		alance She	et as at 30th	
		2011-12	LIABILITIES	2012-13	2011-12	ASSETS	(₹ thousands)	
		89,169	Notes held in the Banking	80,169	760,096,797	Gold Coin and Bullion:		
		11,034,645,327	Department Notes in	12,016,157,427	=	(a) Held in India (b) Held	674,316,432	
		,	Circulation		10,261,966,851	outside India	11 220 100 594	
		11,034,734,496	Total Notes	12,016,237,596	11,022,063,648	Foreign Securities Total	11,329,100,584 12,003,417,016	
			Issued		2,206,548 10,464,300	Rupee Coin Government	2,356,280 10,464,300	
					10,404,000	of India Rupee	10,404,000	
					-	Securities Internal Bills of Exchange	-	
						and other Commercial Paper		
			Total Liabilities Bank of India, Annua	12,016,237,596 al Report 2012-13	11,034,734,496	Total Assets	12,016,237,596	
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		of the sam It may be does not	ne in to the be mentioned i	oanking sys n this cont onetise fis	stem could ext, presen scal deficit	lead to ristly the Rebuilder	the injection se in prices. eserve Bank ticipating in	
		changing demand)	short-term	interest market	rates (whi	ch impa	y supply by ct currency acting funds	
3117/11- 12 DEPR	From where can I procure the History of Reserve	The Reserve Bank of India History 1935 – 1981 (3 volumes) is available at leading book stores in India. It can also be purchased by sending cheques / draft drawn in favour of Reserve Bank of India payable at Mumbai and sent to					January 3, 2012	
	Bank of India publication and what is its cost? Please mention full address and	Departmer Reserve B Sixth floor Phone: 02	Reports and to f Economiank of India, P.M.Road, 2-22603000 to send ema	nic and Pol , Amar Buil Fort, Mum Extn: 4609	icy Researd ding bai 400 001	ch		
	phone number of the person whom I can contact to procure the above said publication?	The price charge).	of the three	volume se	et is Rs. 37	'00/- (incl	uding postal	
4575/11- 12 DEPR	Please send the list of publications		of major p Policy Rese			by Dep	partment of	March 26, 2012
	published	1. RBI Bul	letin					
	by the Bank and also	2. Weekly	Statistical S	upplement	(WSS)			
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	to subscribe to the		on Trend and	d Progress	of Banking	In India		
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			Single Issue	One year	Three Years	
		Monthly Bulletin in India				
		(a) Inclusive of Postage	Rs.300*	Rs.2750	Rs.8000	
		(b) Concessional @Abroad Inclusive of Courier Charges	Rs.240* US\$14	Rs.2400 US\$150	Rs.7200 US\$450	
		Weekly Statistical Supplement	Rs.11	Rs.475	Rs.1425	
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RIA No 4650/	1. When we say that the	Click here to send email India's current account deficit capturing all the current acc				March 04, 2014
2013-14	current account deficit of India is for say x Billion, what exactly is the period that we are referring to.	payments which take place be entities during a particular qu indicated in the Press Release payments (i.e., Annual, half yea				
	2. Is it updated on daily basis or on monthly basis.		·			
RIA 78/2014- 15	Which factors influencing price of gold in India How it affected Indian	Since India imports gold from prices (in India) are largely influ In addition to international price customs duty of 10 per cent on added to final local price of go major factors, there could be and supply factors, which might India.	enced by in e of gold, in value of im old in India. some impac	ternational nporter has ported gold Apart fron ct of domes	gold prices. also to pay d which gets n these two stic demand	
	Economy & Dollar price	The international price of gold 2005-06 which were broadly reprices as well. High gold produces domestic market, in turn impact years. This eventually led to streas current account deficit (CAE CAD widened from US\$ 48.1 bit in 2011-12 and US\$ 88.2 billio put downward pressure on rupe 2012-13 and Q1 of 2013-14 international gold prices in 2013 undertaken by the Government reducing gold imports during 20	eflected in rices, both ted India's ess in India) widened Illion in 2010 in in 2012-1 ee exchang I. However 3-14, along t and the R	trend in do in intern import of g s balance of in recent you 0-11 to US\$ 3. High CA e rate agai , a sharp with variou eserve Bar	emestic gold ational and old in these of payments ears. India's 5 78.2 billion AD had also inst dollar in decline in is measures ak helped in	

CAD also narrowed sharply to US\$ 32.4 billion in 2013-14. In recent months, rupee exchange rate against dollar has also				
stabilised.			•	ilai IIas aiso
	Tabl	e 1: Gold Pi	ices	
Year	Pri	Price Percentage Change over Previous Year		
	Rs. Per	US\$ per	Rs. Per	US\$ per
	10 gram	troy	10 gram	troy
	(Mumbai)	ounce	(Mumbai)	ounce
		(London)		(London)
2004-05	6145.38	413.95	7.5	9.6
2005-06	6900.56	476.58	12.3	15.1
2006-07	9240.32	628.41	33.9	31.9
2007-08	9995.62	765.78	8.2	21.9
2008-09	12889.74	867.19	29.0	13.2
2009-10	15756.09	1023.03	22.2	18.0
2010-11	19227.08	1293.53	22.0	26.4
2011-12	25722.42	1644.87	33.8	27.2
2012-13	30163.93	1653.51	17.3	0.5
2013-14	29190.39	1326.68	-3.2	-19.8

Information pertaining to Financial Markets

RIA No	Information Sought	Reply given / Information provided	Date of Reply
E/00803	I have tried to find the information about the exchange rate value of pound against Indian Rupees but it is not available in any bank or on RBI website so I request you to provide me the information of exchange rate value of pound from May 2, 2017 to May 10, 2017.	The historical data of reference rates of GBP/INR, before July 10, 2018 is available on the RBI website on the Home Page- Current Rates>Exchange Rates> Archives. The link is as under: https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/ReferenceRateArchive.aspx Since July 10, 2018, FBIL (Financial Benchmarks India Ltd.) computes and publishes the USD/INR, EURO/INR, GBP/INR and JPY/INR Reference Rates. The link is given below: https://www.fbil.org.in/#/home	February 03, 2021
P03352 P03352	US \$, selling rate chart, for making import payment, for the period 01.09.2021 to 21.09.2021.	From July 10, 2018, Financial Benchmarks India Private Limited (FBIL) started computation and publication of the Reference Rate for USD/INR and other major currencies. The link is given below: https://www.fbil.org.in/#/home . Accordingly, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) discontinued the publishing of Reference Rate for USD/INR and other major currencies from this date. Please refer to our Press Release dated July 04, 2018 on Computation and Dissemination of Reference Rate- Taking Over by Financial Benchmarks India Private Limited (FBIL). The link is given below: https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=44393	October 05, 2021
	What is the basis to be followed by the concerned bank, to charge buying rate of US \$.	Please refer to Para 6.1 of Master Circular on Customer Service in Banks dated July 1, 2015. The decision to prescribe service charges has been left to individual banks. While fixing service charges for various types of services like charges for cheque collection, etc., banks should ensure that the charges are reasonable and are not out of line with the average cost of providing these services. Banks should also take care to ensure that customers with low volume of activities are not penalized. The link is given below: https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?ld=986 2&fn=2&Mode=0	October 05, 2021
E/08768	To know, whether Forex trading using a platform provided by registered broker is legal in India for	I. As per Section 3 (a) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, save as otherwise provided in FEMA, 1999, rules or regulations made thereunder, or with the general or special permission of	November 12, 2021

below mentioned currency pairs-

EUR-USD

GBP-USD

USD-JPY

XAU-USD

XAG-USD

Please add if any other pair is legal.

the Reserve Bank, no person shall deal in or transfer any foreign exchange or foreign security to any person not being an authorised person.

- II. As per Section 5 and 6 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, any person may sell or draw foreign exchange to or from an Authorised Person for permitted current and capital account transactions.
- III. As per Regulation 4 read with Schedule I of the Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign exchange derivative contracts) Regulations, 2000 [Notification no. FEMA 25/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000], a person, whether resident in India or resident outside India, may enter into a foreign exchange derivative contract with an authorised dealer only. List of authorised dealers is available on the following link: https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/category.aspx
- IV. As per this list, the broker providing forex trading platform is not an authorised dealer.
- V. As per Para 3(1) of the Electronic Trading Platforms (ETP) (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018 [Notification No.FMRD.FMID.08/2018 dated October 05, 2018], no entity shall operate an ETP without obtaining prior authorisation of the RBI under these directions. The link is as follows:

https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?Id=113 85&fn=6&Mode=0

- VI. <u>Platform referred in the RTI is not</u> authorised under the Electronic Trading Platforms (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018.
- VII. Also, please refer to the press release (2010-2011/1196 dated February 21, 2011) on 'RBI Advisory on Overseas Forex Trading through Electronic/ Internet Trading Portals', available on the bank's website at https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/BS PressReleaseDisplay.as px?prid=23941
- VIII. As regards permitted currency pairs:
- i. Currency pairs permitted in cash/tom/spot transactions: As per Para 5 and 6 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, residents may buy or sell foreign exchange for permitted current and capital account transactions. Therefore, the currency pair of the Forex transaction shall be in line with the currency in which the underlying current/capital account transaction is denominated.
- ii. Currency pairs permitted in derivative transactions:
- a. In OTC market transactions: As per the Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign exchange derivative contracts) Regulations, 2000 [Notification no. FEMA 25/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000] read with Master Direction-Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings dated July 05, 2016 (as updated from time to time), residents may undertake foreign exchange derivative transactions involving INR for the purpose of hedging exchange rate risk on transactions permissible under the FEMA, 1999. Foreign exchange derivative transactions not involving INR can be undertaken for purpose other than hedging. There is no restriction on currency pair in both these cases. Please refer to the following link: https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?ld=104

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E06615	Is foreign exchange trading legal in India?	b. In exchange traded derivative transactions: As per the Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign exchange derivative contracts) Regulations, 2000 [Notification no. FEMA 25/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000] read with Currency Futures (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2008 [Notification No. FED.1/DG(SG)-2008] dated August 6, 2008, as amended from time to time, and the Exchange Traded Currency Options (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2010 [Notification No. FED.1/DG(SG)-2008] dated August 6, 2008, as amended from time to time, and the Exchange Traded Currency Options (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2010 [Notification No. FED.01 / ED (HRK) - 2010] dated July 30, 2010, as amended from time to time, residents are permitted to enter into currency futures and options contracts in USD-INR, EUR-INR, GBP-INR, JPY-INR, EUR-USD, GBP-USD and USD-JPY on the stock exchanges recognised by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in India. Please refer to the following links: https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?ld=4410&M ode=0 https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?ld=5913&M ode=0 https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?ld=5913&M ode=0 https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?ld=10172&fn=5&Mode=0 https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?ld=10172&fn=5&Mode=0 https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/category.aspx. ii. Further, as per Para 3 (1) of the Electronic Trading Platforms (ETP) (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018 [Notification_No.FMRD.FMID.07/2018-19, dated October_05, 2018], no entity shall operate an ETP without obtaining prior authorisation of the RBI under these directions. List of ETPs authorised by the RBI is available on the following link: https://rbi.org.in/scripts/bs_viewcontent.aspx?ld=4080. iii. Also, please refer to RBI Press Release (2021-2022/1660) dated February 03, 2022 and Press Release (2022-2023/835) dated Sep_07, 2022 available on the RBI website at https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDispla_y.aspx?prid=54333 respectively. You may also refer to Frequently Asked Question	17-10-2022
T01227	Is binary trading and contract for deference in relation to forex trading platform legal in India?	Binary trading and Contract for Difference (CFD) in foreign exchange are not permitted in India.	13-01-2023
T01227	Why citizen of India in Indian Territory allowed to use app and website of Binary transaction in foreign exchange and contract for deference?	Resident persons are permitted to undertake forex transactions only with authorised persons and for permitted purposes, in terms of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.	13-01-2023
E00584	The RBI had published an alert list containing list of banned forex traders. We know that the bank accounts of these traders has been frozen by RBI. This account had huge amounts of money which	The Reserve Bank of India has not frozen any accounts / assets of the entities mentioned in the 'Alert List' available on the RBI website at https://rbi.org.in/scripts/bs_viewcontent.aspx?ld=4235 . Complaints regarding unauthorised electronic trading platforms for forex transaction may be filed on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (https://cybercrime.gov.in). This portal is an initiative of the	February 02, 2023

normal citizens of our countries had invested not knowing the legality of these traders. So, I would like to know that is there any process by which common people can get their money back from these forex traders whose assets have been frozen by RBI.	Government of India to facilitate victims/complainants to report all types of cybercrime complaints online. Complaints reported to the portal are dealt by respective police authorities of States/ UTs based on the information provided by the complainants. Complaints may also be filed with Enforcement Directorate (ed-del-rev@nic.in) and respective police authorities of States/UTs.	
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Information pertaining to Financial Inclusion and Development

RIA No	Information Sought	Reply given/ Information provided	Date of Reply
	What is the rate of interest on agricultural loans that can be charged by the financial institutions under RBI?	1. In terms of Master Directions – Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Advances) Directions 2016 (updated as on February 26, 2020), the interest rate on agricultural advances and advance to farmers shall be charged as per the instructions contained in the following circulars:	
		i) RPCD.No.PLFS.BC.60/PS.165-85 dated June 06, 1985 stipulated that the total interest debited to an account should not exceed the principal amount in respect of agricultural advances to small and marginal farmers, and,	
		ii) RPCD.No.PLFS.BC.129/05.02.27/97-98 dated June 29, 1998 stipulated that in respect of short duration crops and allied activities, compounding of interest by banks to agricultural advances be applied only if the loan/instalment becomes overdue.	
		2. In terms of para 13 (a) of Master Directions - Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Advances) Directions 2016 (updated as on February 26, 2020) for loans covered by schemes specifically formulated by the Government of India, banks have to charge interest rates as per scheme. Accordingly, the interest rate under the Interest Subvention scheme shall be governed by RBI circulars FIDD.CO.FSD.BC.No.15/05.02. 001/2018-19 dated March 7, 2019 (for short term crop loans) and FIDD.CO.FSD.BC.No.10/05.02. 001/2019-20 dated August 26, 2019 (for animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries).	
	What are the Reserve Bank of India's guidelines on One Time Settlement (OTS) to small and medium enterprises	In terms of circular RPCD.CO.MSME & NFS.BC.40/06.02.31/2012-2013 dated November 1, 2012 all Scheduled Commercial banks were advised to put in place a Non-discretionary One Time Settlement scheme for recovery of non-performing loans for the MSE sector, duly approved by the Board of Directors. The circular is available on our website www.rbi.org.in .	
	What are RBI guidelines on Education Loans?	Reserve Bank of India vide its Circular RPCD.PLNFS.BC.N. 83/ 06.12.05/2000-01 dated April 28, 2001 on 'Educational Loan Scheme' had forwarded the Model Education Loan Scheme prepared by Indian Banks' Association (IBA), for implementation by all Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs). The scheme has since been modified by IBA from time to time. The Scheme provides broad guidelines to the banks and implementing bank will have the discretion to make changes suiting to the convenience of students/parents etc. The scheme can be accessed at IBA's website.	

	What are the guidelines pertaining to PMEGP scheme?	The PMEGP Scheme was formulated by Government of India and circulated by Reserve Bank of India. Vide its circular RPCD.PLNFS.BC.41/09.04.01/2008-2009 dated October 10, 2008, which is available on our website www.rbi.org.in .	
	What are the guidelines pertaining to resolution of stressed MSME units?	In consultation with the Government of India, Ministry of MSME, RBI had issued the guidelines on the Framework for Revival and Rehabilitation of MSMEs along with operating instructions to banks vide Circular FIDD.MSME & NFS.BC.No.21/06.02.31/2015-16 dated March 17, 2016. The revival and rehabilitation of MSME units having loan limits up to ₹25 crore are undertaken under this Framework. The Committee approach is to be adopted for deciding corrective action plan which includes rectification, restructuring and recovery. The circular is available on our website www.rbi.org.in	
1. RBIND/ R/2018/ 01994/6 dated May 08, 2018	Recently is there any Awareness Campaign available with RBI for promotion of Financial Literacy in Educational Institutions, if yes what were the provisions and procedures, if so furnish details from 2012 to Till Now.	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) disseminates financial literacy through its Regional Offices (ROs) and Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs). With a view to spread financial literacy among school/college students, RBI has issued following guidelines to SCBs and its ROs: a) Regional offices of RBI have been advised since 2014 to target school and college students in the activities undertaken by them under Financial Literacy Initiatives, for inculcating saving and responsible banking habits. Regional offices of RBI conduct the financial literacy programs in schools/colleges. b) With a view of commencing financial education at school level with incorporation of Financial Education in School Curriculum, Regional offices of RBI have been advised in 2015 to get the financial education workbooks (developed by CBSE) translated into vernacular language and pursue with the state education boards in their jurisdiction to adopt the financial education workbooks in their school curriculum. c) In 2016, Financial Literacy Centres operated by Banks have been advised to adopt a tailored approach for different target groups viz. Farmers, Micro and Small Entrepreneurs, School Children, SHGs, Senior Citizens etc while conducting financial literacy programs. d) In addition to the above, RBI has developed tailored financial literacy content for five target groups' viz. Farmers, Small entrepreneurs, School children, Self Help Groups and Senior Citizens that can be used by the trainers in financial literacy programmes.	May 23, 2018

Sr. No.	RIA Number	Applicant's query	Our reply
1	RBIND/R/E/22/00232	CGTMSE fee yadhi account se jyadha kat liya gaya hai to uski shikiyat kaha kare?	किसी भी बैंक के खिलाफ बैंकिंग सेवाओं में कमी से संबंधित विशेष
			शिकायत के मामले में, इसे संबंधित

		बैंक में दर्ज किया जा सकता है। यदि
		एक महीने के भीतर शिकायत का कोई
		जवाब नहीं मिलता है या बैंक से
		असंतोषजनक प्रतिक्रिया होती है, तो
		वह 'रिज़र्व बैंक - एकीकृत लोकपाल
		योजना, 2021' से संपर्क कर सकता है,
		जो बैंक ग्राहकों को बैंकिंग सेवाओं में
		कमी से संबंधित उनकी शिकायतों के
		समाधान के लिए एक त्वरित और
		सस्ता मंच प्रदान करता है। पूर्वीक्त
		योजना के तहत शिकायतें समर्पित ई-
		मेल (<u>crpc@rbi.org.in</u>) के माध्यम से
		योजना में दिए गए प्रारूप के अनुसार
		दर्ज की जा सकती हैं। या भारतीय
		रिजर्व बैंक, चौथी मंजिल, सेक्टर 17,
		चंडीगढ़ - 160017 में स्थापित केंद्रीकृत
		रिसीप्ट और प्रोसेसिंग
		केंद्र'(Centralised Receipt and
		Processing Centre-CRPC)को भौतिक
		मोड में भेजी जा सकती हैं। भारतीय
		रिजर्व बैंक की शिकायत प्रबंधन प्रणाली
		के तहत https://cms.rbi.org.in पर भी
		शिकायतें ऑनलाइन दर्ज की जा सकती
		हैं।
2 RBIND/R/E/22/05829	Whether it is mandatory to have bank account of all members at the same branch or same bank for opening account of SHG under DAY-NRLM?	As per para 7.1 (Opening of Savings/Current Accounts) of the RBI Master Circular on Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), the role of banks would commence
		with opening of accounts for all the SHGs including those having members with disability and for the federations of SHGs.
		(i) The SHGs engaged in promoting of savings habits among their members would be eligible to open savings bank accounts.
		(ii) For KYC verification pertaining to SHG members, instructions in the Master Direction on KYC (dated February 25, 2016, as updated from

			time to time) shall be adhered to.
			(iii) Business Correspondents deployed by banks may also be authorized to open saving bank accounts of the SHGs, subject to adherence to extant BC guidelines and in accordance with the bank's Board approved policy on Business Correspondents.
			(iv) Opening of savings account of all members with the bank shall not be made a prerequisite for credit linkage of SHGs. Banks are advised to maintain separate savings and loan accounts for SHGs.
			For detailed information, you may refer the above mentioned circular on RBI's website on the link given below:
			(https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_Vi_ewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=1266_5)
			(Click on the link to access the given Master Circular/ Circular or type web-link on an internet browser).
3	RBIND/R/E/23/00818	एक SHG समूह का खाता खोलने	आवेदक को सूचित किया जाता है कि
		के लिए SHG समूह का कार्यालय	वह दिनांक 01 अप्रैल 2022 के स्वयं
		होना आवश्यक है क्या?	सहायता समूह – बैंक सहलग्नता
			कार्यक्रम पर मास्टर परिपत्र के पैरा 4
			'बचत बैंक खाता खोलना' का संदर्भ
			ग्रहण करें।
			उपर्युक्त मास्टर परिपत्र के लिए लिंक
			सुलभ संदर्भ हेतु सलंग्न है.
			https://www.rbi.org.in/hindi/scripts/F S_Notification.aspx?ld=6963&fn=27 48&Mode
4	RBIND/R/E/23/02113	Please provide me a copy of RBI Circular No.RPCD.Plan.BC.15/04.09.01/2001-02 dated 17.08.2001 on Charging of Penal Interest by Banks on Priority Sector Loans	Copy of the circular is attached. The link to access the same is as under: https://rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=445&Mode=0
5	RBIND/R/E/23/02575	RBI circular RPCD.PLNFS.BC.NO.29 /06.02.(II)/99-2000 clearly Say Exemption limit of collateral security/third party guarantee was raised to Rs. 1 lakhs and	The circular RPCD.SME & NFS. BC.No. 79 /06.02.31/2009-10 on Working Group to Review the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) – Collateral free loans to MSEs,

		RBI subsequently the limit was revised from time to time, but RBI circular RPCD.SME & NFS.BC.No.79/06.02.31/2009-10 say up to 10 lakhs mse loan banks are not to accept Collateral security but my question is RBI circular RPCD.PLNFS.BC.NO.29 /06.02.(II)/99-2000 say Exemption of collateral security/third guarantee and RBI circular RPCD.SME &NFS.BC.No.79/06.02.31/200 9-10 say not to accept Collateral security above Collateral security mean include third party guarantee?	applies to collateral security only.
6	RBIND/R/E/23/04920	Required Documents for Kisan Credit Card Loan: Please provide a list of the documents required when applying for a Kisan Credit Card loan as per RBI guidelines.	i. You may refer to our Master Circular on 'Kisan Credit Card Scheme' dated July 04, 2018 available on the link given below: https://rbi.org.in/scripts/FS Notification.aspx?ld=11325&fn=2754&Mode=0 (Type the web-link on an internet browser to access the given circular) ii. As per para 13.3 of above said Master Circular, required documents for availing of KCC loan are as per banks' internal guidelines.
7	RBIND/R/E/23/04920	Q.1.Security Requirements for Kisan Credit Card Loan: Share information on the security requirements for KCC loans, both for amounts up to Rs 1 lakh and exceeding Rs 1.6 lakhs and above Rs 1.6 lakhs, in accordance with the RBI guidelines mentioned in the above-mentioned letter.	i. As per para 12.2 of the Master Circular on 'Kisan Credit Card Scheme' dated July 4, 2018 furnished in our reply to your query 1 above, Security requirement may be as under: • Hypothecation of crops: For KCC limit upto ₹1.00 lakh banks are to waive margin/security requirements. • With tie-up for recovery: Banks may consider sanctioning loans on hypothecation of crops up to card limit of ₹3.00 lakh without insisting on collateral security.

			 Collateral security: Collateral security may be obtained at the discretion of Bank for loan limits above ₹1.00 lakh in case of non-tie- up and above ₹3.00 lakh in case of tie-up advances. In states where banks have the facility of on-line creation of charge on the land records, the same shall be ensured.
			ii. Further, you may refer to our circular on "Credit Flow to Agriculture- Collateral free agricultural loans' dated February 07, 2019 available on the link given below: https://rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?ld=11469&fn=2754&Mode=0 (Type the web-link on an internet browser to access the given circular)
8	RBIND/R/E/23/03851	What is the eligibility condition for availing education loan?	Information is not available.
			However, regarding education loan, Reserve Bank of India vide circular RPCD. PLNFS.BC.NO.83/06.12.05/2000-01 dated April 28, 2001 on 'Educational Loan Scheme' has advised all Scheduled Commercial Banks to adopt Model Education Loan Scheme, formulated by Indian Banks' Association (IBA). The Scheme has since been revised by IBA from time to time and its latest revision is Model Education Loan Scheme (MELS), 2022.
			For more details on MELS 2022, you may refer to above scheme available on IBA website, www.iba.org.in and path to access the same is https://www.iba.org.in -> IBA Departments -> Retail Banking -> Educational Loan -> Circulars Issued by IBA -> IBA Model Educational Loan Scheme for

			Pursuing Higher Education in India and Abroad, 2022.
9	RBIND/R/E/23/03851	On the educational loan provided by the bank, no guarantee or security is required on the loan up to what amount?	RBI vide circular RPCD.SME&NFS.BC.No. 69/06.12.05/2009-10 dated April 12, 2010, on Collateral Free Loans - Educational Loan Scheme, has advised all Scheduled Commercial Banks that banks must not, mandatorily, obtain collateral security in the case of educational loans upto Rs. 4 lakh.
10	RBIND/R/E/23/02780	Q.1.What is the procedure to close an education loan availed from Indian Overseas Bank only by paying the principal amount after the moratorium period?	Financial Inclusion and Development Department, Central Office has no information to furnish in this regard.
		Q.2.When does an education loan turn NPA?	However, regarding education loan, Reserve Bank of India vide <u>circular</u>
		Q.3.If an education loan turn NPA, What are the procedures available for a one-time settlement that is only paying the Principal amount and closing the loan?	RPCD. PLNFS.BC.NO.83/06.12.05/2000-01 dated April 28, 2001 on 'Educational Loan Scheme' has advised all Scheduled Commercial Banks to adopt Model Education Loan Scheme, formulated by Indian Banks' Association (IBA). The
		Q.4.Do the borrowers have the right to demand a one-time settlement for an education loan availed from Indian Overseas Bank?	Scheme has since been revised by IBA from time to time and its latest revision is Model Education Loan Scheme (MELS), 2022. For more details on MELS 2022,
		Q.5.Whom should I approach if the concerned Branch Manager refuses a one-time settlement?	you may refer to above scheme available on IBA website, www.iba.org.in and path to access the same is https://www.iba.org.in ->
		Q.6.Can the Indian Overseas Bank file Police Complaint and arrest the borrower if the Education loan is not repaid?	IBA Departments ->Retail Banking - > Educational Loan -> Circulars Issued by IBA -> IBA Model Educational Loan Scheme for Pursuing Higher Education in India and Abroad, 2022.
11	RBIND/R/P/24/02562	Provide the name and details of Lead Banks in districts of Kerala.	The applicant may refer to Annex I to RBI's Master Circular on Lead Bank Scheme dated April 01, 2024 available at the link
			https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMa sCirculardetails.aspx?id=12643
12	RBIND/R/E/24/03424	Is it mandatory to submit no due certificate for availing crop loan from bank as still some banks are asking no due for disbursement of fresh crop	Regarding service area approach and requirement of 'No Due Certificate', applicant may refer to para 8 and 8.1 of RBI's Master Circular on Lead Bank Scheme – FIDD.CO.LBS.BC.No.01/02.01.001

		loan?	/2024-25 dated April 01, 2024 available at Bank's website (https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS ViewM asCirculardetails.aspx?id=12643)
13	RBIND/R/E/24/02856	I want to have the information regarding the complete methodology and the entire list of 97 indicators along with their assigned weights in the construction of financial inclusion index for India by Reserve Bank Of India. I want to know the complete step by step process used by RBI in the construction of this financial inclusion index. I want this information for my PhD in economics in which I will be constructing a financial inclusion index at district level.	Please refer to article on 'Financial Inclusion Index (FI Index) for India' published in RBI Bulletin (September 2021 edition). The link for the same is provided below: (https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewBulletin.aspx?Id=20502)
14	RBIND/R/P/24/02390	We request you please provide us is there any provision for the private financial organization to issue financial loans (Money Lending Act) (exclusive for the Scheduled Areas) if there any orders/license/permission/GO issued by your office. Please provide us the information from FY 2000-01 to 2023-2024 as follows • List of the Money Lending private financial organization of A.P. (exclusive for Scheduled Areas) • Rate of Interest for those loans • Maximum - Minimum Tenure and Mode of EMI • Rate of Interest for the loan Does and Do Nots while collecting the EMI's	No specific information is available. However, you may refer to the following Master Circular dated April 16, 2024 issued by Reserve Bank of India, which is available on RBI website www.rbi.org.in at the link provided below: Master Circular - Credit facilities to Scheduled Castes (SCs) & Scheduled Tribes (STs) (https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS-ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=1266-4) (Click on the link to access the given Master Circular/ Circular or type web-link on an internet browser).
15	RBIND/R/P/24/02211	Give me the information following Point's about Conditions, Rules and Regulations to maintaining the CFL Centers and program implementation in Telangana State.	CFLs are to be set up at a rented space at the block level and should have basic facilities like furniture, LCD, laptop, help lines for addressing queries, handheld projectors for use during conduct of camps, stock of financial literacy material, seating arrangements, or any other assets considered necessary.

			Each Centre is expected to usually cater to 3 blocks. NGOs are required to include all segments of population in their training activities, however it is desirable that focused intervention should be towards women, working members of the family, young adults and vulnerable segments of the community such as differently abled who have remained excluded from the financial system.
16	RBIND/R/P/24/02232	Provide all government schemes in saving bank account. Like-Insurance, Pension plan and other	You may refer to the following Master Circulars issued by Reserve Bank of India on select Govt. of India schemes. These Master Circulars are available on RBI website www.rbi.org.in at the link provided below: a) Master Circular - Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) (https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12665) b) Master Circular - Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) (https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12066)
17	RBIND/R/T/24/00361	What is being done to help more people access banking services?	"In order to systematically accelerate the level of financial inclusion in the country in a holistic manner, the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI): 2019-24 has been put in place. NSFI sets forth the vision and key objectives of the Financial Inclusion policies in India to expand the reach and sustain the efforts through a broad convergence of action involving all the stakeholders in the financial sector. As per one of the recommendations of NSFI:2019-24, more than 99 percent of identified villages have been provided some form of banking services within a radius of 5 KM / hamlet of 500 households".
18	RBIND/R/E/24/01734	I request you to provide the data pertaining to priority sector lending targets achievement (in absolute figures and % to their ANBC) of below mentioned	Data on bank-wise outstanding advances to Priority Sector can be accessed from the following path: www.rbi.org.in->statistics->Database on Indian Economy->Time Series Publications->Statistical Tables

		banks for the last five financial years (FY2022-23,FY2021-22,FY2020-21, FY2019-20,FY2018-19).	relating to Banks in India->Other Tables-Table No:4
19	RBIND/R/E/24/01734	And also I request you to provide the data pertaining to Priority sector lending certificates (PSLC) (in absolute figures and % to their actual PSL figures) purchased by these banks for mentioned years. Bank Names: 1) State Bank of India 2) Bank of Baroda 3) Canara Bank 4) ICICI Bank 5) HDFC Bank 6) Axis Bank	The information pertaining to PSLCs traded by a bank can be accessed from 'Disclosures to the Balance Sheet' of the respective banks, in terms of point no. xiv of our circular FIDD.CO.Plan.BC.23/04.09.01/2015 -16 dated April 7, 2016 issued on Priority Sector Lending Certificates (https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=10339&Mode=0)
20	RBIND/R/E/24/01734	I request you to provide the data by below mentioned categories wise and also overall PSL achievement. i. Agriculture ii. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises iii. Export Credit iv. Education v. Housing vi. Social Infrastructure vii. Renewable Energy viii. Others	Data on bank-wise outstanding advances to Priority Sector can be accessed from the following path: www.rbi.org.in->statistics->Database on Indian Economy->Time Series Publications->Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India->Other Tables-Table No:4
21	RBIND/R/E/24/03792	Q.1.The guidelines and eligibility criteria for sanctioning loans to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME).	Information is not available. However, the Reserve Bank of India has, from time to time, issued a number of instructions/guidelines to banks relating to lending to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Sector. The Master Direction FIDD.MSME & NFS.12/06.02.31/2017-18 dated July 24, 2017 (Updated as on June 11, 2024) on Lending to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Sector incorporates the

			updated instructions/guidelines on the subject.
		Q.2.The documentation and collateral requirements, if any, for MSME loans.	Information is not available.
			However, in term of para 4 of the above-mentioned Master Direction following guidelines have been issued:
			i. As per para 4.1, banks are mandated not to accept collateral security in the case of loans up to ₹10 lakh extended to units in the Micro and Small Enterprises sector.
			ii. And as per para 4.7.(ii), banks have been advised to furnish the MSME borrowers with an indicative checklist of documents required for processing the loan application at the time of applying for the loan.
22	RBIND/R/P/24/03412	किसान क्रेडिट कार्ड के लिए	विशिष्ट जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है।
		न्यूनतम कितनी जमीन का	हालांकि, आप हमारे किसान क्रेडिट कार्ड
		स्वामितत्व होना चाहिए	योजना से संबंधित निम्न परिपत्रों का
			संदर्भ ले सकते है-
			i. 'किसान क्रेडिट कार्ड योजना' पर
			दिनांक 04 ज्लाई 2018 का परिपत्र
			नीचे दी गई लिंक पर उपलब्ध है –
			https://www.rbi.org.in/hindi/scripts/F S_Notification.aspx?Id=6079&fn=2 748&Mode
			ii. 'किसान क्रेडिट कार्ड (केसीसी)
			योजना : पशुपालन और मत्स्य पालन
			के लिए कार्यशील पूंजी' पर दिनांक 04
			फरवरी 2019 का परिपत्र नीचे दी गई
			लिंक पर उपलब्ध है –
			https://www.rbi.org.in/hindi/scripts/F S_Notification.aspx?Id=6199&fn=2 748&Mode=0
			iii. 'किसान क्रेडिट कार्ड योजना : मत्स्य
			पालन/ एक्वाकल्चर में संलग्न किसानों
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			के लिए पात्रता मानदंड' पर दिनांक 18
			मई 2022 का परिपत्र नीचे दी गई लिंक
			पर उपलब्ध है –
			https://www.rbi.org.in/hindi/scripts/F S Notification.aspx?Id=7008&fn=2
			748&Mode
			्रिया गाप प्रतिपान तक प्रदंशने के लिए
			(दिए गए परिपत्र तक पहुंचने के लिए
			वेबलिंक को इंटरनेट ब्राउज़र पर टाइप
			करें।)
23	RBIND/R/P/24/02232	Provide all government schemes	You may refer to the following
		in saving bank account. Like- Insurance, Pension plan and	Master Circulars issued by Reserve Bank of India on select Govt. of
		other.	India schemes. These Master
			Circulars are available on RBI website <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> at the link
			provided below:
			a) Master Circular - Deendayal
			Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural
			Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)
			(https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=1266
			<u>5)</u>
			b) Master Circular - Deendayal
			Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)
			(https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_Vi
			ewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=1206
			<u>6</u>)
			(Click on the link to access the given
			Master Circular/ Circular or type web-link on an internet browser).
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Z4	RBIND/R/P/24/02390	We request you please provide	No specific information is available.
		us is there any provision for the private financial organization to	However, you may refer to the following Master Circular dated April
		issue financial loans (Money	16, 2024 issued by Reserve Bank of
		Lending Act) (exclusive for the Scheduled Areas) if there any	India, which is available on RBI website www.rbi.org.in at the link
		orders/license/permission/GO	provided below:
		issued by your office. Please provide us the information from	Master Circular - Credit facilities to
		FY 2000-01 to 2023-2024 as	Scheduled Castes (SCs) &
		follows	Scheduled Tribes (STs)
		List of the Money Landing private financial	(https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_Vi ewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=1266
		Lending private financial organization of A.P.	4)
		(exclusive for Scheduled Areas)	(Click on the link to access the given
		Aledo)	Master Circular/ Circular or type

Rate of Interest for those loans	web-link on an internet browser).
 Maximum - Minimum Tenure and Mode of EMI 	
Rate of Interest for the loan	
Does and Do Nots while collecting the EMI's	

Information pertaining to Government and Bank Accounts

Sr. No.	RIA No	Information Sought	Reply given/ Information provided	Date of Reply
1.	RBIND/R/P/22/ 01449	Please furnish the details of income accrued to the Govt. of India from Reserve Bank of India by transfer of funds from RBI	The information on the surplus payable to the Central Government each year is given in the chapter on 'The Reserve Bank's Accounts' forming part of 'Annual Report' of the respective years. The same is available on RBI Website, the link for which is given below: https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/AnnualReportMainDi	May 24, 2022
2.	RBIND/R/E/22/ 06028	Sir, Request provide information regarding the authority and process of recovery of dues from pension account as well as monthly pension by the concerned bank CPPC.	Reserve Bank of India has no information on the authority and process of recovery of dues from pension account as well as monthly pension by the concerned bank CPPC. However, Reserve Bank of India, vide Para 5 & 6 of its Master Circular DGBA.GBD.No.S2/31.02.007/2022-23 dated April 01, 2022 has stated as under: -	September 15, 2022
			"Refund of excess pension payment to Government 5. Whenever any excess/overpayment is detected the entire amount thereof should be credited to the Government account in lump sum immediately when the excess/overpayment is due to an error on the part of the agency bank. This action is independent of recovery from the pensioner. Agency banks are requested to seek guidance from respective Pension Sanctioning Authorities regarding the process to be followed for recovery of excess pension paid to the pensioners, if any. 6. If the excess/wrong payment to the pensioner is due to errors committed by the government, banks may take up the matter with the full particulars of the cases with respective Government Department for a quick resolution of the matter. However, this must be a time bound exercise and the government authority's acknowledgement to this effect must be kept on the bank's record. The banks may take up such cases with government departments without reference to the Reserve Bank of India." The aforesaid Master Circular is available at https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS ViewMasCircular	

Sr. No.	RIA No	Information Sought	Reply given/ Information provided	Date of Reply
3.	RBIND/R/E/22 /06496	If the pensioner wants details of pension paid during a financial year	details.aspx?id=12275. RBI does not have any information in this regard.	September 30, 2022
		or Pension Payment Slip, whom should he/she approach?	matter. Hence, the pensioner may approach Pension Disbursing Bank or concerned Government Department, as the case may be, for details of pension paid during a financial year or pension payment slip.	
4.	RBIND/R/E/ 22/06496	Whether a pensioner is entitled for any compensation from the bank for delayed credit of arrear of pension?	As per Para 18 (a) of Reserve Bank of India Master Circular on Disbursement of Government Pension by Agency Banks dated April 01, 2022: -	September 30, 2022
			"Pension paying banks should compensate the pensioner for delay in crediting pension/arrears thereof at a fixed interest rate of 8 percent per annum for the delay after the due date of payment and the compensation shall be credited to the pensioner's account automatically without any claim from the pensioner on the same day when the bank affords credit for revised pension / pension arrears, in respect of all delayed pension payments made since October 1, 2008." The above circular is available at: https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12275.	
5.	RBIND/R/E/22/ 06495	If the pensioner has a query or requires clarification on the amount of pension paid, what should he/she do?	RBI does not have any information in this regard. RBI has not issued any instructions in the matter. Hence, the pensioner may approach his respective Pension Sanctioning Authority or pension disbursing bank, for clarification	September 30, 2022
			on the amount of pension paid.	0 1 1 10
6.	RBIND/R/E/22/ 06702/1	At present, how much and in what form the total asset (securities) are with the Reserve Bank. Provide certified information.	The information on Assets (Securities) with Reserve Bank of India is given in the chapter on 'The Reserve Bank's Accounts' forming part of 'Annual Report'. The same is available on RBI website, the link for which is given below:	October 10, 2022
			https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/AnnualReportMainDisplay.aspx	
7.	RBIND/R/E/22/ 07288/1	Total revenue of RBI globally for the financial year 2021-22	The information on revenue of Reserve Bank of India is given in the chapter on 'The Reserve Bank's Accounts' forming part of 'Annual Report'. The same is available on RBI Website, the link for which is given below:	November 07, 2022
			https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/AnnualReportMainDisplay.aspx	
8.	RBIND/R/E/22/ 08435	Sir please provide me complete guideline issued to Bank regarding submitting	As per Para 13 of RBI Master Circular Ref. DGBA.GBD.No.S2/31.02.007/2022-23 dated April 01, 2022: -	January 05, 2023
		the life certificate of pensioner /family pensioner	"There have been complaints that life certificates submitted over the counter of pension paying branches are misplaced causing delay in payment of monthly pensions. In order to alleviate the hardships faced by pensioners, agency banks were instructed to mandatorily issue duly signed acknowledgements. They were also advised	

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			to consider entering the receipt of life certificates in their CBS and issue a system generated acknowledgement which would serve the twin purpose of acknowledgement as well as real time updation of records".	
			No other instructions have been issued by RBI in this matter. However, detailed guidelines in this regard are issued by concerned pension authorities i.e. in case of Central Government pension, Central Pension Accounting Office and in case of State Government pension, the concerned State Level authorities.	
			Further, as the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) is the nodal department for formulation of policies relating to pension and other retirement benefits, the queries are transferred to CPIO, DoPPW u/s 6 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 for necessary action.	
9.	RBIND/R/E/24/ 02524/1	Name of the shareholders of Reserve Bank of India along with their % of shareholding as on today.	As per Section 3(1)(a) of The Reserve Bank (Transfer to Public Ownership) Act, 1948, "All shares in the capital of the Bank shall by virtue of this Act be deemed to be transferred free of all trusts, liabilities and encumbrances to the Central Government".	May 03, 2024
10.	RBIND/R/T/24/ 00610/1	I want to know how much money has the Indian government withdrawn from the RBI reserve fund or RBI capital reserve between 2014 and 2024	The information on Capital and Reserve Fund of Reserve Bank of India is given in the chapter on 'The Reserve Bank's Accounts' forming part of 'Annual Report' for the respective years. The same is available on RBI Website, the link for which is given below:	June 26, 2024
			https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/AnnualReportPublications.aspx?Id=1412	

Information pertaining to Human Resource Management

RIA No	Information Sought	Reply given/ Information provided	Date of Reply
53381/2 019-20	RBI assistant promotion policy and structure	As per the rules prevalent at present, all Class III employees (other than Pharmacists and Junior Engineers) who have completed at least three years of regular full-time service in the Class III cadre in the Bank as on December 31 of the preceding year are eligible to appear for the promotional examination from Assistant to Grade A. Class III employee is promoted to the post of Assistant Manager if his/her name appear in the Merit list, which is prepared based on the performance of the eligible Class III employee in the written/ online examination, interview, on-job performance, leave and discipline record etc.	August 20, 2019
53456/2 019-20	Is compassionate ground appointments given in RBI for employees who deceased while in service.	In case of employee dying in harness, Compassionate appointment is offered to one among the next of kin where an employee i) dies while performing his official duty as a	August 22, 2019
		result of violence, terrorism, robbery or dacoity;	

		or	
54244/2	Please provide number of offices of	ii) dies within five years of his appointment in the Bank or before he reaches the age of 30 years, whichever is later, leaving a dependent spouse and/or minor children. There are no offices of RBI in North Eastern	October
019-20	RBI located in each states of north eastern region of India.	Region of India. However, RBI has four branches and two sub-offices located in the North Eastern region of India. For more details please visit the following link https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/profilelink.aspx on our website www.rbi.org.in .	01, 2019
55414/2 019-20	Places of RBI offices all over INDIA	Reserve Bank of India has 31 offices/ branches all over India. Please visit the following link https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/RegionalOffices.as px on our website www.rbi.org.in.	December 09, 2019
55483/2 019-20	Complete list of STAFF WELFARE SCHEMES provided by the bank to its Officer Employees of different grades	Bank's accommodation, subject to availability, reimbursement of expenses for maintenance of vehicle for official purpose, newspaper, telephone charges, book grant, allowance for furnishing of residence, etc. as per eligibility. Medical facility as per eligibility, Leave Fare Concession (once in two years). Loans and Advances at concessional rates of interest for Housing, Vehicle, Education, Consumer Articles, Personal Computer, Festivals etc. New recruits are governed by 'the defined contribution New Pension Scheme (NPS)', in addition to the benefit of Gratuity. Please refer to the following link https://opportunities.rbi.org.in/Scripts/bs viewcontent.aspx?ld=3766 on our website www.rbi.org.in .	December 11, 2019
RBIND/ R/E/21/0 4169	Whether any reserve list is maintained for the recruitments conducted?	Yes. A separate list up to 30% of the number of vacancies released for recruitment may be drawn up as 'Reserve List'.	June 04, 2021
RBIND/ R/E/21/0 5674	Do RBI has reservation in its recruitment If yes, how vacancies are determined for reserved category?	Yes. The criteria adopted to provide reservation for categories are the instructions/ guidelines issued by Government of India/ Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) on providing reservation from time to time.	August 09, 2021
RBIND/ R/E/21/0 6227	what are the transfer policies of RBI assistant within same zone to different regional office (example - Transfer from Mumbai office to Nagpur office)	The requests for transfer of Class III employees serving in the Bank are considered on case-to-case basis subject to administrative convenience.	Septembe r 03, 2021
RBIND/ R/E/21/0 7051	Would like to know whether bond can be transferred to RBI from current employer as both are Central Govt. Enterprises.	Bond is transferred as per the guidelines of Memorandum- DPE O.M. No. 15(2)/2003-DPE(GM)/GL-57 dated 29th July 2004 issued by Department of Public Enterprise, Bureau of Public Enterprises, Government of India, New Delhi.	Septembe r 24, 2021
RBIND/ R/E/21/0 7234	what types of work an office attendant does	Class IV Staff is required to perform all such duties that are assigned to them by Bank from time to time.	October 04, 2021

RBIND/ R/E/21/0 9475	What is the promotion policy in RBI for office attendants?	Promotion to the post of Asistant in Class III (through online examination)- A Class IV employee with a Bachelor's degree in any discipline who has worked as a full time employee in Class IV for at least 8 years continuously as on the date of the notification of the examination or a Class IV employee who has passed Standard XII or an examination of an equivalent standard and has a certificate in Computer Proficiency and has worked as a full time employee in Class IV for at least 13 years continuously as on the date of the notification of the examination is eligible to appear for promotion examination for the post of Assistant in Class III. Vacancy based promotion to the post of Assistant Care Taker(ACT)-Employees in all pay groups in Class IV are considered eligible for the posts, subject to seniority and suitability to be determined based on service record and screening through interview.	December 29, 2021
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 5211	If any vacency in any category remain vacant for not getting suitable candidate, those Backlog is carried forward for SC/ ST/ OBC/ PwBD candidates. vacency carry forward for the next notification or not?	Backlog is carried forward for SC/ ST/ OBC/ PwBD candidates	Septembe r 04, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 5831	What is the final cutoff of PWBD RBI office attendant 2020, Kanpur office.	There is no separate cutoff for the PwBD Candidates. All PwBD candidates are placed in their respective social category.	Septembe r 30, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 5945	After how many year a PWBD candidate can change his/her office? What about transfer policy?	Requests of PwBD officers to be posted to centres of their choice or for retention at a centre may be considered with due sympathy, considering the nature of disability and subject to the overall consideration of career development path of the individual officer and/or administrative exigencies. Such requests are dealt with on a case to case basis.	October 04, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 7551	What are the medical tests conducted for the RBI Grade recruitment required to be fit for RBI Grade B officer	The candidate selected for the post must undergo the following Medical / Diagnostic tests: -Physical Examination	December 14, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 6083	Please list exact parameters of health indicators, including tests if any which would make a candidate eligible to join the services of the bank as an Assistant	-CBC/ ESR -FBS/ PPBS/ SGPT -S. Creatinine - Urine: R -X-Ray Chest-P.A. View -ECG -Eye Testing However, the final selection of the candidate for any post in RBI is subject to meeting prescribed Medical tests as evaluated by the Bank's Medical Officer	October 10, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 6764	Mention working office hours of RBI Assistant	7 hours 15 minutes on week days (Monday to Friday) excluding Lunch recess of 30 minutes.	November 08, 2022
RBIND/	What is the promotion policy and	As per the rules prevalent at present, all Class III	November

R/E/22/0 6764	process after joining as an RBI Assistant	employees (other than Pharmacists and Junior Engineers) who have completed at least three years of regular full-time service in the Class III cadre in the Bank as on the date of notification are eligible to appear for the promotional examination from Assistant to Grade A.	08, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 6764	Mention the nature of duties and type of work of an RBI Assistant	The work profile of Assistants in Class III is available <u>here</u> .	November 08, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 6764	Category wise break up of number of vacancies in each of Kanpur, Lucknow and Dehradun office	Please refer to the relevant recruitment notification on our official website https://www.rbi.org.in.	November 08, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 6764	Describe all kinds of perks and allowances and all other benefits that an RBI assistant gets after joining.	The requested information is available in the recruitment notification. Please refer the link https://opportunities.rbi.org.in/Scripts/bs_viewcontent.aspx?ld=4085	November 08, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 7222	I also want to know whether pay protection is provided to exservicemen or not.	Pay protection of ex-servicemen in RBI is done as per GOI/RBI instructions.	November 30, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 7275	What is the working hours of Office attendant?	Working Hours of Office Attendants is given below- 7 hours 45 minutes on week days (Monday to Friday) excluding Lunch recess of 30 minutes	December 02, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 7517	Is merit list based only on score of mains examination in respective categories? (For recruitment of Assistants panel year 2021)	The final selection is based only on performance in the Mains on-line examination, qualifying in LPT, Medical fitness and verification of certificates to the Bank's satisfaction.	December 13, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 7760	What is the periodicity for revision of pay and allowances for all posts in RBI?	Revision of pay and allowances of the employees of the Bank is carried out every 5 years.	December 27, 2022
RBIND/ R/E/22/0 7999	Organisational structure of RBI	The organisation structure of RBI is available on RBI website (www.rbi.org.in) in About Us section.	January 06, 2023

Information pertaining to Inspection

At present, there is no such information with Inspection Department, which would be of interest to the members of the public.

Information pertaining to Monetary Policy

RIA NO	Information Sought	Reply Given / Information provided	Date of Reply
RBIND/R/E/22/00730	Why the inflation rate in India is too high? Why is the government not focused on this? Everything is now a days too expensive and on some items the rate changes on daily, weekly, or monthly basis. The common man is facing too much trouble from this. What can a man who is hit by the pandemic can do in this expensive society?	Average CPI inflation was elevated at 6.1 per cent in 2020-21 (The average pertains to June 2020 to March 2021. The imputed CPI prints for April and May 2020 have been regarded as a break in the CPI series). Since then, inflation has softened to 5.3 per cent in 2021-22 (up to January 2022). The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) in its February 2022 resolution noted that going forward "vegetables prices are expected to ease further on fresh winter crop arrivals. The softening in pulses and edible oil prices is likely to continue in response to strong supply-side interventions by the Government and increase in domestic production. Prospects of a good Rabi harvest add to the optimism on the food price front."	17 Feb 2022

		softening in the pace of increase in selling prices by the manufacturing and services firms going forward, reflecting subdued pass-through." The MPC's resolution projected CPI inflation for 2021-22 at 5.3 per cent and for 2022-23 at 4.5 per cent.	
		The February 10, 2022 resolution of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is available at the link given below:	
		https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid =53247	
RBIND/R/E/23/02807	Provide the year wise percentage inflation rate in India for last years?	National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation releases the data on Consumer Price Index (CPI) and inflation rates based on it. The same is available at:	31 May 2023
RBIND/R/E/23/03873	Please provide	https://www.mospi.gov.in/web/mospi/home Some recent studies on the rural wage-price dynamics are	04
	information (including copies of documents/ study conducted by the RBI) on the effect of monetary policy on rural wage in India.	as mentioned below: 1. "An Examination of the Rural Prices and Wages Dynamics in India", published in Monetary Policy Report (MPR), September 2022 (https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=21 343#1322)	Aug 2023
	2. Between FY20 and FY23, please provide information (including copies of	2."Relationship among Rural Wages, Inflation and Economic Activity: Recent Evidence" published in MPR, April 2018	
	documents/study/memo) re: the relationship between rising interest	(https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=18 110#61I1)	
	rates and rural wage growth and national per capita income growth.	3."Wage Growth and Rural Inflation — Are They Related?" published in Annual Report, 2014-15	
	3. In regard to (2), please provide	(https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/AnnualReportPublications.as px?ld=1148)	
	information on whether the RBI has conducted any assessment/study of the impact of rising	4.Working paper titled "Rural Wage Dynamics in India: What Role does Inflation Play?" published in April 2018 (https://rbi.org.in/scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?ld=18117)	
	interest rates on rural wage growth in India. If yes, please provide all	5.RBI Occasional Paper titled "Recent Trends in Rural Wages: An Analysis	
	relevant information.	of Inflationary Expectations", published in 2012	
		(https://rbi.org.in/scripts/bs_viewcontent.aspx?ld=2846)	
		6."Impact of Supply Chain Disruptions on GDP Growth and Labour Markets amidst the COVID-19 Shock", published in Annual Report, 2021-22 (https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/AnnualReportPublications.as px?year=2022)	
RBIND/R/E/23/00324	How many times RBI increase or decrease the Repo rate on housing loan / loan against property from April 2013 to January 2023. Kindly share all circulars.	According to Reserve Bank of India Act, the primary objective of the monetary policy is to maintain price stability while keeping in mind the objective of growth. The Central Government, in consultation with the Bank, determines the inflation target in terms of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), once in every five years. The inflation target has been set at 4 per cent with a tolerance band of +/- 2 per cent around it. A monetary policy committee has been constituted which determines the policy rate required to achieve the inflation target.	08 Feb 2023
		The current policy repo rate is available at RBI's website (www.rbi.org.in) home page under 'Current Rates' —> 'Policy Rates'. The historical data on Repo rate including	

the period mentioned, i.e., from April 2013 to December 2022 are available on the Reserve Bank of India's website https://data.rbi.org.in/#/dbie/reports/Statistics/Financial%20 Sector/Key%20Rates under the tab 'Key Rates'. With effect from October 18, 1994, the Reserve Bank of India has deregulated interest rates on rupee advances above Rs.2 lakh of scheduled commercial banks. Further, effective July 1, 2010, lending rates on advances up to Rs.2 lakh were also deregulated. Effective October 1, 2019, the Reserve Bank mandated that scheduled commercial banks (excluding regional rural banks) should link all new floating rate personal loans (including home loans) and floating rate loans to micro and small enterprises (MSEs) to an external benchmark, viz, the policy repo rate or 3-month T-bill rate or 6-month T-bill rate or any other benchmark market interest rate published by Financial Benchmarks India Private Ltd. (FBIL). Effective April 1, 2020, loans to medium enterprises have also been linked to an external benchmark. Interest rates on all types of advances (fixed and floating interest rates) are decided by banks based on their commercial judgment subject to the general guidelines that banks should follow for setting interest rates. The detailed guidelines regarding loans and advances are available on RBI's website at the link provided below,

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=102

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=10295&Mode=0

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

SI No	Query	Reply
1	Please provide me information regarding inflation data of last ten years.	Consumer Price Index (CPI) data are released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India and are available at: https://www.mospi.gov.in/web/mospi/home
2	What steps have been taken to control the rising inflation in the country	Monetary policy has focused on withdrawal of accommodation since April 2022 to ensure that inflation remains within the target going forward, while supporting growth. The MPC has increased the policy repo rate by 190 basis points since May 2022, taking the policy repo rate to 5.90 per cent.
		In the MPC's September 2022 resolution, inflation was projected at 6.7 per cent in 2022-23, with Q3 (October-December) at 6.5 per cent and Q4(January-March) at 5.8 per cent, and risks evenly balanced. CPI inflation for Q1:2023-24 was projected at 5.0 per cent.
		The resolutions of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) are available at the link given below: https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/Annualpolicy.aspx
3	Inflation trends from 01- 04-2003 upto 2023 – need complete information year wise.	Information on the various price indices is available on the RBI website at the link https://data.rbi.org.in/DBIE/#/dbie.rbi?site=home under the tab time series publications> Handbook of statistics on Indian economy> monthly series> output and prices.
4	Information regarding lending rates by SCBs from 2003 till Qtr ended March 2024	The Benchmark Prime Lending Rate (BPLR) system was introduced by the Reserve Bank in 2003. Bank-wise data on BPLR are available on a quarterly basis since March 2003 on RBI's website under tab 'Site Map' at the hyperlink: https://www.rbi.org.in/rbi-sourcefiles/lendingrate/LendingRates.aspx
		After opening the link please go to "Explanatory note for data from the quarter ended June 2002 to June 2010" → "Bank wise data". The data on the Base Rate, which replaced the BPLR system in July 2010 are available

		from the quarter ended September 2010 onwards at the hyperlink: https://rbi.org.in/rbi-sourcefiles/lendingrate/LendingRates.aspx
		The data on MCLR, which replaced the earlier Base Rate system in April, 2016 are available at the hyperlink: https://rbi.org.in/rbi-sourcefiles/lendingrate/LendingRates.aspx
		After opening the link, please go to "Bank-wise data".
5	What are the reasons for inflation in India?	For understanding the reasons of inflation in India, you may please refer to the following documents:
		A. Monetary Policy Resolution and RBI reports:
		 The October resolution of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) October 4-6, 2023 (available at https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56502)
		 An assessment of recent inflation dynamics is available in Chapter II (Prices and Costs) of Monetary Policy Report, October 2023 of the Reserve Bank of India (available at https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=22050)
		 Additional information for the causes of inflation can be accessed from Section II.3 (Price Situation) within the Economic Review of the Reserve Bank of India's Annual Reports for the fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 (available at https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/AnnualReportPublications.aspx?ld=1373 (2022-23) https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/AnnualReportPublications.aspx?ld=1344 (2021-22))
		B. Speeches:
		 "Globalisation of Inflation and Conduct of Monetary policy" - Speech delivered by Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor, Reserve Bank of India (available at https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS SpeechesView.aspx?ld=1317)
		 "Monetary Policy: Trial by Pandemic" – Address by Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India (available at https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS SpeechesView.aspx?Id=1125)
		C. Reserve Bank of India Bulletin:
		 Inflation section in the article titled "State of the Economy" in the Reserve Bank of India Bulletin published on October 19, 2023 (available at https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewBulletin.aspx?Id=22123)
		 Article on "Anatomy of Inflation's Ascent in India" in the Reserve Bank of India Bulletin published on December 20, 2022 (available at https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewBulletin.aspx?ld=21468)
6	RBI is decreasing reporate, but my bank is not decreasing interest on my home loans. Why?	With effect from October 18, 1994, the Reserve Bank of India has deregulated interest rates on rupee advances above Rs.2 lakh of scheduled commercial banks. Further, effective July 1, 2010, lending rates on advances up to Rs.2 lakh were also deregulated. Effective October 1, 2019, the Reserve Bank mandated that scheduled commercial banks (excluding regional rural banks) should link all new floating rate personal loans (including home loans) and floating rate loans to micro and small enterprises (MSEs) to an external benchmark, viz, the policy repo rate or 3-month T-bill rate or 6-month T-bill rate or any other benchmark market interest rate published by Financial Benchmarks India Private Ltd. (FBIL). Effective April 1, 2020, loans to medium enterprises have also been linked to an external benchmark. Interest rates on all types of advances (fixed and floating interest rates) are decided by banks based on their commercial judgment subject to the general guidelines that banks should follow for setting interest rates.
7	Interest charged by banks on housing loan.	The required data on interest rates on housing loans are available since March 2012 onwards in RBI Annual Report published by RBI every year. The reports may be available in the following link: URL https://rbi.org.in
		Sector-wise data on lending rates of SCBs are available in RBI's various Annual Reports, which can be accessed by following the pathway as indicated below,
		RBI's website (<u>www.rbi.org.in</u>) at the tab → 'Publications' → 'Annual' → 'Annual Report' – 'Year'→ 'Chapter III: Monetary Policy Operations' → 'Table III.2/III.3/III.4/III.6 /III.7: Sector-wise WALR of SCBs (Excluding RRBs) - Outstanding Rupee Loans'.

Information pertaining to Payment and Settlement Systems

RIA No	Information Sought	Reply given/ Information provided	Date of Reply
1 674/2008 -09 DPSS	Time frame prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India to different banks for clearance of local and outstation cheques. Prescription of penalty by the Reserve Bank of India for non-clearance of cheques in the prescribed time frame Definition and explanation of terms 'local' and 'outstation' in the context of cheque clearance by the Reserve Bank of India.	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised banks to frame their own Cheque Collection Policies (CCPs) in respect of local and outstation cheques which should include explicit mention of time frame for collection of both local and outstation cheques. Banks have been further advised vie our circular DPSS.CO.(CHD)No.873/03.09.01/2008-09 dated November 24, 2008 to modify their CCPs in accordance with orders of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in the case No.82 of 2006 on Delays in Cheque Clearing. Accordingly, for local cheques debit and credit shall be given on the same day or at the most the next day of their presentation in clearing. Timeframe for collection of outstation cheques drawn on state capitals/major cities/ other locations should be 7/10/14 days respectively. This timeframe is the outer limit and credit shall be afforded if the process gets completed earlier. If there is any delay in collection beyond the prescribed period, interest at the rate specified in the cheque collection policy of the bank, shall be paid. In case the rate is not specified in the CCP, the applicable rate shall be the interest rate on fixed deposits for the corresponding maturity. The link to the CCP of banks has been hosted on our website www.rbi.org.in. Local cheques are those cheques that are drawn on branches within the jurisdiction of the Local Clearing House. All other cheques would be outstation cheques. However, there are cheques called multicity cheques and at par cheques which are payable in all cities where the drawee bank has a branch	October 17, 2008
6045/11- 12 DPSS	Provide the details of information, guidelines, circulars, notifications and regulations made by Reserve Bank of India in chronological order for scheduled and private banks operating in India, using OTP via phone IVR and mobile phone technology for any kind of financial as well as monetary transactions to make it more convenient and secured as a system.	irrespective of the city on which it is drawn. RBI has issued the following guidelines to make card transactions more secured: (i) Requirement of additional factor of authentication for online transactions except Interactive Voice Response (IVR) transactions was enabled, vide, circular RBI / DPSS NO. 1501 / 02.14.003 / 2008 - 2009 dated February 18, 2009. This circular has been placed on RBI website at the link http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=4844&M ode=0 (ii) Requirement of additional factor of authentication/validation extended to IVR transaction with effect from February 1, 2011 vide, circular DPSS .CO. NO. 1503 / 02.14.003 / 2010 - 2011 dated December 31, 2010. This circular has been placed on the RBI website at the link http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=6185&M ode=0 (iii) Requirement of online alerts to customers for all types of card transaction at all channels irrespective of the amount was made applicable, vide, circular DPSS. CO. PD. 2224 / 02.14.003 / 2010 - 2011 dated March 29, 2011. This circular has been placed on the RBI website at the link http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=6309&M ode=0	June 27, 2012
6307/11- 12 RPCD	ATM transaction is failed due to technical/network problem. Amount is	Banks have been advised by the Reserve Bank of India, vide, circular DPSS. PD. No. 2632 / 02.10.002 / 2010 - 2011 dated May 27, 2011 that:	June 27, 2012

RIA No 4541/ 2013-14	not dispensed but account is debited in such circumstances. What are the rules for refund/credit of such amount? Such refund should be made within how many days? 1. The date of implement of new cheques with printed name and account of cheque owner in the recognized Banks.	1. Effective from July 1, 2011, banks have to reimburse the customers, the amount wrongfully debited on account of failed ATM transactions within a maximum period of 7 working days from the receipt of the customer complaint. 2. Banks have to pay customers Rs. 100/- per day for delays beyond 7 working days from the date of receipt of the complaint. If the complaint is not lodged within 30 days of transaction, the customer is not entitled for any compensation for delay in resolving his / her complaint. Reserve Bank of India vide its circular DPSS.CO.CHD.No./ 1112 / 04.07.05 / 2011-12 dated December 27, 2011 advised all banks providing cheque facility to their customers to issue only 'CTS-2010' standard cheques across the country by September 30, 2012. Account number in such cheques should be pre-printed for current account holders and corporate customers and as far as possible to other category.	Februar y 17, 2014
		corporate customers and as far as possible to other category of customers. However, printing the name of the account holder was not mandated by Reserve Bank of India. RBI circular issued in this regard (DPSS.CO.CHD.No.1832/ 04.07.05 / 2009-10 dated February 22, 2010) may be referred for the purpose. Copies of the circulars referred to above are available on the website of Reserve Bank of India under the following links: http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?ld=5509&Mode=0	
	2. The old cheques got issued prior to the date of implement of new cheques (i.e. during the year 2006) from the recognized Banks are applicable or not after the date of implement of new cheques. 3. If not applicable,	Reserve Bank of India vide its circular DPSS.CO.CHD.No.133/04.07.05/2013-14 dated July 16, 2013 notified that cheques which are not complying with CTS-2010 standards would continue to be valid but will be cleared at less frequent intervals from January 1, 2014 as detailed in paragraph 2(a) of the above referred circular. Copy of the circular referred to above is available on the website of Reserve Bank of India under the following link: http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?ld=8245&Mode=0 Refer to reply 2 above	
	kindly arrange to intimate the date of disapplicable / disimplement of old cheques along with instruction, if any.		
RBIND/R/ E/22/028 31	As my bank (Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank) charged me for the UPI transaction charges of Rs. 597. So that I want to know that, is there any charges for UPI transactions that can be charged by banks for the number of transactions through UPI and the amount of a single transaction done by UPI.	With effect from January 1, 2020, in terms of section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act) – inserted vide the Finance Act, 2019 – no bank or system provider shall impose, whether directly or indirectly, any charge upon a person making or receiving a payment using the electronic modes of payment prescribed under section 269-SU of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961). Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) vide notification no. 105/2019-Income Tax dated December 30, 2019, notified Unified Payments Interface (UPI) (BHIM-UPI) as one of the prescribed electronic modes.	June 07, 2022

RBIND/R/ E/23/037 61	Can a merchant take extra charge of 3% on the payment by credit cards or 2.5% on the payment by debit cards from the customer? because merchants are taking the extra charge of 3 to 4% on the payment by the credit cards or debit cards on POS machines.	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has not issued any instructions on levy of charges on Credit Card transactions. However, you may refer to the circular on "Rationalisation of Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) for Debit Card Transactions" dated December 06, 2017 available on the RBI website under the link: https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?ld=11183&fn=9&Mode=0 An account holder may raise his / her grievance with the card issuer. In case, the account holder is not satisfied with the response or the response is not received within a month's time, he / she may lodge his / her grievance under Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, through the Complaint Management System (CMS) portal (https://cms.rbi.org.in) or by e-mail at crpc@rbi.org.in or in physical mode at the 'Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre' (CRPC) set up at RBI, 4th Floor, Sector 17, Chandigarh - 160017.	August 03, 2023
RBIND/R/ E/24/014 90	1. The IFS Code BARB0BUPFBX is exist with any financial institutions 2. If yes please provide name and address	You may refer to the list of RTGS enabled bank branches available on the Reserve Bank of India website at the following link for details of IFS Codes: https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/Bs_viewRTGS.aspx?Category=5	March 28, 2024
RBIND/R/ E/24/022 55	There are banks such as SBBJ, Andhra Bank, SBH etc which are merged with some other banks. In such case after merger to new banks, cheque leaves of banks which got merged (e.g SBBJ, SBH, Andhra Bank) shall still be qualified as - negotiable instrument - even after merger. if not from which day or date such cheques will loose it qualification asnegotiable instrument-	State Bank of India was granted extension for validity of old MICR cheque books of erstwhile State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur and State Bank of Hyderabad up to June 30, 2018. 2. Union Bank of India was granted extension for validity of old MICR cheque books of erstwhile Andhra Bank up to June 30, 2021.	May 02, 2024
RBIND/R/ E/24/022 94	When will non micr cheques stoped by banks	Banks were advised to phase out non-MICR instruments by December 31, 2005.	May 03, 2024
RBIND/R/ E/24/044 46	Kindly share the information whether a merchant can pass on the POS machine swipe charges to the customers if the payment is made through debit card or	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has not issued any instructions on levy of charges on Credit Card transactions. 1. For debit cards, you may refer to the circular dated December 06, 2017 on "Rationalisation of Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) for Debit Card Transactions", which is available on the RBI website at the following link: https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?ld=11183&	August 05, 2024

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Information pertaining to Rajbhasha

RIA No.	Question	Reply	Date of Reply
RBIND/R/E/24/03391	Request for Information in Reference to the Circular and Its Second Copy Please provide detailed information regarding the circular uploaded and its second copy	Reply given as per attachment.	19.06.2024
RBIND/R/E/24/03390	Request for Information in Reference to the Circular and Its Second Copy Please provide detailed information regarding the circular uploaded and its second copy	Reply given as per attachment.	19.06.2024
RBIND/R/E/23/07656	Subject: Literature Improvement in Hindi B.A. Hindi Equivalent Reference: RA.VI.SH. 1560/ 08.06.15 2003 04, dated March 2004 (Falgun 1925 Shaka) On June 11, 1982, the circular with the reference Ravi San. Hindi 2145/H.P. 3/81/82, regarding the improvement of literature in Hindi for B.A. Hindi equivalent, was submitted. Additionally, the copies of the RTI application and the circular are enclosed for your perusal.	Reply given as per attachment.	18.01.2024

Information pertaining to Regulation

S. No	Information sought	Reply	Date of reply
1	Please give details regarding	Applicant may refer:	October 07, 2024
	guidelines issued by RBI on	Circular on Loans Sourced by Banks and	
	regulation of digital lending	NBFCs over Digital Lending Platforms:	
	activities of its regulated entities.	Adherence to Fair Practices Code and	
		Outsourcing Guidelines dated June 24,	
		<u>2020</u> , available on <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> under	
		'Notifications'.	
		2. <u>Circular on Guidelines on Digital Lending</u>	
		dated September 02, 2022, available on	
		www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	
		3. <u>Circular on Guidelines on Guidelines on</u>	
		Default Loss Guarantee (DLG) in Digital	
		Lending dated June 08, 2023, available	
		on <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> under 'Notifications'.	
2	Please provide details of guidelines	Applicant may refer Master Circular - Prudential	October 07, 2024
	issued on NPA/ Asset classification	norms on Income Recognition, Asset	
	applicable to Scheduled	<u>Classification and Provisioning pertaining to</u>	
	Commercial Banks (SCBs)	Advances dated April 2, 2024, available on	
		www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	

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3	Please provide details of guidelines issued on NPA/ Asset classification applicable to Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs)	Applicant may refer Master Circular - Income Recognition, Asset Classification, Provisioning and Other Related Matters - UCBs dated April 2, 2024, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	October 07, 2024
4	Please provide details of guidelines issued on NPA/Asset classification applicable to NBFCs (including Housing Finance Companies HFCs).	Applicant may refer: 1. Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Non-banking Financial Company – Scale Based Regulation) Directions – Prudential Regulations on asset classification and provisioning, dated October 19, 2023, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'. 2. Master Direction – Non-banking Financial Company – Housing Finance Company (Reserve Bank) Directions – Prudential Regulations on asset classification and provisioning, dated February 17, 2021, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	October 07, 2024
5	Please provide details of Regulations regarding OTS schemes for Individuals	Applicant may refer: 1. Framework for Compromise Settlements and Technical Write-offs dated June 8, 2023, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'. 2. FAQs on Framework for Compromise Settlements and Technical Write-offs issued on June 20, 2023, available on www.rbi.org.in under FAQs → Commercial Banking	October 07, 2024
6	Please give details of RBI guidelines or circular for banks regarding restructuring/modification of loans.	Applicant may refer <u>circular on 'Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets' dated June 7, 2019</u> , available on <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> under 'Notifications'.	October 07, 2024
7	Information on Special Mention Account (SMA) related norms for bank loans.	Applicant may refer Master Circular - Prudential norms on Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning pertaining to Advances dated April 2, 2024, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	October 07, 2024
8	What are the guidelines issued with regard to Bank Guarantees	Applicant may refer Master Circular - Guarantees and Co-acceptances dated April 1, 2024, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	October 07, 2024
9	Is it mandatory to take insurance while availing any loan product from a bank?	Applicant may refer Para 18(d) (i), (v) and (vi) of "Master Direction- Reserve Bank of India (Financial Services provided by Banks) Directions, 2016" dated May 26, 2016, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	August 29, 2024
10	Whether the ATM card gives an insurance cover to the account holder in case of accidental death?	Applicant may refer Para 23(j) on "General Conditions" and Query 13 of Appendix of Master Direction on "Credit Card and Debit Card – Issuance and Conduct Directions, 2022", dated April 21, 2022, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications".	August 29, 2024
11	What are the measures taken by RBI to control credit card frauds?	Applicant may refer Para 5(b), Para 6(b)(v), Para 10(b), Para 10(c), Para 23(f) and Para 24(h) of the Master Direction - Credit Card and Debit Card - Issuance and Conduct Directions, 2022 dated April 21, 2022, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications".	August 29, 2024
12	What are the guidelines on interest rate and other charges pertain to credit card?	Applicant may refer Para 9 on Interest Rates and other charges and Para 24(c) of the Master Direction - Credit Card and Debit Card – Issuance and Conduct Directions, 2022 dated April 21, 2022, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications".	August 29, 2024
13	Are bank staff allowed to sell insurance products in branches? What are the guidelines issued in this regard?	Applicant may refer Para 18(d) of Master Direction on "Financial Services provided by Banks" dated May 26, 2016, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications".	August 29, 2024

14	Can a bank issue credit card or increase the credit limit of a credit card, without customer consent?	Applicant may refer Para 6(a)(iv), 6(a)(vi), 6(a)(viii), 11(b) and Query 10 of the Appendix (FAQs) of Master Direction on "Credit Card and Debit Card – Issuance and Conduct Directions, 2022" dated April 21, 2022 available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications".	August 29, 2024
15	Is it compulsory to obtain debit card from banks?	Applicant may refer Para 14(d) of the Master Direction - Credit Card and Debit Card - Issuance and Conduct Directions, 2022 dated April 21, 2022, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications".	August 29, 2024
16	Name and Number of nominated banks permitted by RBI to import gold for this financial year	Banks Authorised to Import Gold/Silver for FY 2024-25 is available on, www.rbi.org.in → Function wise Sites->Consumer Education and Protection -> For Common Person -> Useful Information -> Financial Agents -> Banks importing gold and silver	August 29, 2024
17	List of Mandatory OVDs required for opening a bank account.	Applicant may refer Section 3(a)(xiv) on 'Officially Valid Document' of 'Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016' dated February 25, 2016, (Updated as on January 04, 2024) available on available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications -> Master Directions -> Commercial Banking".	August 29, 2024
18	The address on my OVD is not the current address. What are the instructions regarding current address for bank accounts?	Applicant may refer Section 3(a)(xiv) and Section 16 of 'Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016' dated February 25, 2016, (Updated as on January 04, 2024) available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications -> Master Directions -> Commercial Banking".	August 29, 2024
19	I have already undertaken KYC while opening bank account a few years ago. Why banks are still insisting for re-KYC?	Applicant may refer Section 38 of Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016' dated February 25, 2016, (Updated as on January 04, 2024) available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications -> Master Directions -> Commercial Banking".	August 29, 2024
20	What are the duties and responsibilities of a bank to maintain secrecy of customers' bank accounts and its transactions?	Applicant may refer Section 55 Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016' dated February 25, 2016, (Updated as on January 04, 2024) available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications -> Master Directions -> Commercial Banking".	August 29, 2024
21	If a person does not have an account in a bank, whether KYC is required for transactions amounting rupees 50,000 and above?	Applicant may refer Section 13(e) and 13(f) Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016' dated February 25, 2016, (Updated as on January 04, 2024) available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications -> Master Directions -> Commercial Banking".	August 29, 2024
22	I want to open a joint account in a bank. Whether KYC is required to be done for the first account holder only or for all the account holders?	Applicant may refer Section 10(g) Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016' dated February 25, 2016, (Updated as on January 04, 2024) available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications -> Master Directions -> Commercial Banking".	August 29, 2024
23	Which KYC documents are required to open a bank account in case of proprietorship firms, companies, partnership firms, trusts?	Applicant may refer Part II and Part III of Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016' dated February 25, 2016, (Updated as on January 04, 2024) available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications -> Master Directions -> Commercial Banking".	August 29, 2024
24	What is the time limit for payment of cheques / drafts /pay orders / banker's cheques issued by the banks.	Applicant may refer Section 58 of Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016' dated February 25, 2016, (Updated as on January 04, 2024) available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications -> Master Directions -> Commercial Banking".	August 29, 2024
25	Is PAN card compulsory for opening a bank account?	Applicant may refer Section 16(b) and Section 66 Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016' dated February 25, 2016, (Updated as on January 04, 2024) available on	August 29, 2024

		www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications -> Master	
26	Provide necessary document containing the number of days within which the documents submitted by the borrower should be returned to him/her by the concerned management after the closure of personal loan availed by them.	Directions -> Commercial Banking". Applicant may refer Circular on 'Responsible Lending Conduct - Release of Movable / Immovable Property Documents on Repayment/ Settlement of Personal Loans' dated September 13, 2023, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'. Applicant may also refer Para 9 on 'Applicability' of the Circular.	August 29, 2024
27	Whether I am entitled to conversion of floating interest rate to fixed interest rate for housing loan, in Canara Bank legally or not? Please inform to me as early as possible.	Applicant may refer <u>Circular on "Reset of Floating Interest Rate on Equated Monthly Instalments (EMI) based Personal Loans", dated August 18, 2023</u> , available on <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> under "Notifications".	August 29, 2024
28	What are the current guidelines regarding the imposition of penal charges by banks and NBFCs on loans provided to small service providers and traders?	Applicant may refer <u>Circular on 'Fair Lending</u> Practice - Penal Charges in Loan Accounts' dated August 18, 2023, and <u>Circular on 'Fair Lending</u> Practice - Penal Charges in Loan Accounts: Extension of Timeline for Implementation of <u>Instructions' dated December 29, 2023</u> available on <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> under 'Notifications'.	August 29, 2024
29	Information on (1) Opening of Universal Bank in Private Sector (2) Opening of Small Finance Bank in Private Sector	Applicant may refer Press Release on 'RBI releases Guidelines for 'on tap' Licensing of Universal Banks in the Private Sector' dated August 01, 2016 and Press Release on 'RBI releases "Guidelines for 'on tap' Licensing of Small Finance Banks in the Private Sector' dated December 05, 2019, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Press Releases" read with Press Release on 'Recommendations of the Internal Working Group to Review Extant Ownership Guidelines and Corporate Structure for Indian Private Sector Banks' dated November 26, 2021 available on www.rbi.org.in under "Press Releases"	September 04, 2024
30	Information on (1) opening of bank branches, (2) branch opened by bank (3) procedures of identifying a centre and opening of branch there (4) copy of permission/ licence given by RBI (5) Setting up of Administrative Offices, Back Offices and Call Centres etc. (6) Permission for shifting/ merging/ closing a Banking Outlet	Applicant may refer Circular on 'Rationalisation of Branch Authorisation Policy - Revision of Guidelines' dated May 18, 2017 available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'	September 04, 2024
31	Procedure and application process for getting NBFC license for a company	You may refer Press Release on "RBI decides to simplify and rationalise the process of registration of new NBFCs" dated June 17, 2016, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Press Releases".	January 25, 2024
32	RBI guidelines on merger/ amalgamation of Private Sector Banks, Urban co-operative banks (UCBs), District Central Co- operative Banks (DCCBs) with the State Co-operative Bank (StCB)?	Applicant may refer: 1) Master Direction – Amalgamation of Private Sector Banks, Directions, 2016 dated April 21, 2016, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications". 2) Master Direction - Amalgamation of Urban Cooperative Banks, Directions, 2020 dated March 23, 2021, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications". 3) Circular on 'Amalgamation of District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) with the State Co-operative Bank (StCB) – Guidelines' dated May 24, 2021, available on www.rbi.org.in under "Notifications".	September 04, 2024
33	Does Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regulate credit societies in India?	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not regulate cooperative societies. However, RBI regulates cooperative banks licensed under section 22 read	September 02, 2024

		with section 56 of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 to	
34	Information on FD Interest Rate of Commercial Banks?	carry out banking business in India. Applicant may refer Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016' dated March 3, 2016, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	September 02, 2024
35	Information on acceptance of green deposits?	Applicant may refer <u>Circular on "Framework for acceptance of Green Deposits" dated April 11, 2023</u> , available on <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> under "Notifications".	August 26, 2024
36	What are the rules of recovery agent engaged by banks for debt recovery?	Applicant may refer <u>Circular on "Outsourcing of Financial Services - Responsibilities of regulated entities employing Recovery Agents" dated August 12, 2022</u> , available on <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> under 'Notifications'.	March 19, 2024
37	Role/work of Bank's Chairman / Directors in Private Sector Banks	Applicant may refer Circular on 'Role of Directors and Part-Time Chairman in Private Sector Banks' dated June 14, 1996, available on: https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/notification/PDFs/Circulars%20of%20DBOD 1995-1996.PDF	May 15, 2023
38	Fit and Proper criteria for Public Sector Bank (PSB) Elected Directors	Applicant may refer 'Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India ('Fit and Proper' Criteria for Elected Directors on the Boards of PSBs) Directions, 2019', dated August 2, 2019, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	May 15, 2023
39	RBI guidelines on remuneration, bonus etc. applicable to Private Sector Banks	Applicant may refer <u>Circular on 'Guidelines on Compensation of Whole Time Directors/ Chief Executive Officers/ Material Risk Takers and Control Function staff', dated November 04, 2019, available on <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> under 'Notifications'.</u>	August 28, 2023
40	What are the guidelines on Fit and Proper Criteria for directors of NBFCs?	Applicant may refer Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Company – Scale Based Regulation) Directions, 2023, dated October 19, 2023, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	January 30, 2024
41	Please clarify whether a director can hold directorships in two NBFCs? When in one NBFC, he is appointed as Managing Director and in other NBFC, he is appointed as Non-Executive Director.	Applicant may refer Para 97 of Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Company – Scale Based Regulation) Directions, 2023, dated October 19, 2023, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	June 21, 2024
42	Information on Unclaimed Deposits in Commercial Banks	The information on Unclaimed Deposits with Commercial Banks, is available on, https://cimsdbie.rbi.org.in/DBIE/#/dbie/home- Publication -> Statistical Tables Relating to Banks in India->Other tables->Table 35 "Unclaimed Deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks".	December 26, 2022
43	What is the statute under which Credit Information Companies (CICs) are set up?	RBI has, in terms of Section 5 of the Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005 (CICRA) and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder (available in the public domain) granted Certificate of Registration to four Credit Information Companies (CICs), as under: 1. TransUnion CIBIL Limited 2. Equifax Credit Information Services Pvt. Ltd. 3. Experian Credit Information Company of India Private Ltd. 4. CRIF High Mark Credit Information Services Pvt. Ltd.	Nov. 5, 2019
44	RBI instructions to banks/FIs/NBFCs to access credit information reports for loan disbursals?	Applicant may refer <u>Circular on Data Format for Furnishing of Credit Information to Credit Information Companies and other Regulatory Measures dated June 27, 2014, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.</u>	Nov. 5, 2019
45	Guidelines on wilful defaulters	You may refer to the Master Circular on Wilful Defaulters dated July 01, 2015, available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'. Note: In addition to this it may also be noted that	July 13, 2023

		recently RBI has issued the 'Master Direction on Treatment of Wilful Defaulters and Large Defaulters' dated July 30, 2024, which would come into force 90 days from the date of its issuance. The Master Direction is available on www.rbi.org.in under 'Notifications'.	
46	Are there any guidelines issued by the RBI for calculating credit scores, or does each company decide the criteria on their own?	Applicant may note that RBI has not issued any instructions/guidelines on the methodology to be adopted by Credit Information Companies (CICs) for calculating credit score. The credit scoring models used by CICs are proprietary in nature, based on their respective experience in the business of credit information.	August 02, 2024
47	What are the guidelines for the empanelment/ de-empanelment process of valuers in Public Sector Banks?	Applicant may refer <u>Circular on 'Valuation of Properties - Empanelment of Valuers' dated January 04, 2007</u> , available on <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> under 'Notifications'.	October 16, 2024

Information pertaining to Statistics and Information Management

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1	The list of commercial bank branches/ offices functioning in India.	List of all the commercial bank branches/offices functioning in India, having details like bank name, branch name, state, district, center, address, population group classification, Open date, License No, License date etc., are available on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) CIMS website (https://data.rbi.org.in/) under the link 'Banking Outlet'. You may search/download as per your requirement.
		For the terms/definitions, please refer to the 'Notes on Tables' on Central Information System for Banking Infrastructure (CISBI) portal available at the abovementioned link.
2	Number of functioning branches/ offices of commercial banks in India, as at end-quarter – as per region/ state/ district/ population group/ population tier/ bank group/ bank.	Requested information are available on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) website may be accessed at the below mentioned link-Quarterly: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Bank Branch Statistics -> Quarterly -> Functioning Offices
3	Number of branches/ offices opened by commercial banks in India – as per region/ state/ district/ population group/ bank group/ bank.	Requested information are available on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) website may be accessed at the below mentioned link- Annual / Quarterly: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Bank Branch Statistics -> Quarterly / Annual -> Offices Opened during Quarter / Offices Opened during Year
4	Number of branches/ offices closed by commercial banks in India – as per region/ state/ district/ population group/ bank group/ bank.	Requested information are available on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) website may be accessed at the below mentioned link- Annual / Quarterly: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Bank Branch Statistics -> Quarterly / Annual -> Offices Closed during Quarter / Offices Closed during Year
5	Information on (a) number of credit accounts and the amount of outstanding credit with scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) as per bank group/ population group/ state/occupation/ size of credit limit/ interest rate range/ type of account/ organization;	Requested information are available on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) website may be accessed at the below mentioned link- <u>Annual: -</u> https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series

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510	(b) outstanding credit of small borrower accounts of SCBs.	Publications -> Basic Statistical Return (BSR)-1 - (Annual) - Credit by SCBs (including Regional Rural Banks) Quarterly: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Basic Statistical Return (BSR)-1 - (Quarterly) - Outstanding Credit of Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks)
6	Information on (a) number of deposits accounts and the amount of deposits outstanding with scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) – as per ownership of deposits and population group/ bank group/ state/ UT/ district, age-wise distribution of individual depositors; (b) deposits with SCBs as per type of deposits, maturity pattern of term deposits; (c) distribution of term deposits of SCBs as per interest rate range/ size of deposits and broad ownership category.	Requested information are available on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) website may be accessed at the below mentioned link- Annual: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Basic Statistical Return (BSR)-2 - Deposits with SCBs (including Regional Rural Banks) Quarterly: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Basic Statistical Return (BSR)-2 - Deposits with SCBs (excluding Regional Rural Banks) - > BSR2 Quarterly (Deposit)
7	Number of employees of the scheduled commercial banks as per - bank group/ population group/ state/ employee category.	Requested information are available on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) website may be accessed at the below mentioned link- Annual: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Basic Statistical Return (BSR)-2 - Deposits with SCBs -> Basic Statistical Return (BSR)-2 - Deposits with SCBs -> Section 4: Employee Distribution Quarterly: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Basic Statistical Return (BSR)-2 - Deposits with SCBs (excluding RRB's) -> BSR2 Quarterly (Deposit) -> Section 4: Employee Distribution
8	Number of employees of the scheduled commercial banks as per bank and/or category.	Requested information are available on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) website may be accessed at the below mentioned link- Annual: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Statistical Tables Relating to Banks In India -> Tables Based On Annual Accounts -> Table No. 12 (Bank-wise and Category-wise Employees of Scheduled Commercial Banks)
9	Information on (a) aggregate deposits and bank credit with SCBs (annual and quarterly) – as per state/ district/ center; (b) type of deposits of SCBs as per state/ district.	Requested information are available on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) website may be accessed at the below mentioned link- Annual: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Spatial Distribution of Deposits And Credit (Annual) -> Spatial Distribution of Deposits and Credit Quarterly: - https://www.rbi.org.in -> Statistics -> Database on Indian Economy -> Publication -> Time-Series Publications -> Spatial Distribution of Deposits and Credit (Quarterly) -> Spatial Distribution of Deposits and Credit (Quarterly) -> Spatial Distribution of Deposits and Credit (Quarterly) -> Spatial Distribution of Deposits and Credit
10	Information on (i) liabilities and assets of SCBs; (ii) earnings and expenses of SCBs; (iii) bank-wise capital adequacy ratios (CRAR) of SCBs; (iv) provisions and contingencies of SCBs;	

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	(v) contingent liabilities of SCBs;	Publications -> Statistical Tables Relating to Banks in
	(vi) gross non-performing assets (GNPAs),	India -> Tables Based On Annual Accounts
	net non-performing assets (NNPA), write-offs,	
	addition/ reduction in GNPAs;	
	(vii) appropriation of Profit of SCBs;	
	(viii) ratio of SCBs like cash deposit ratio,	
	credit deposit ratio, investment deposit ratio,	
	capital adequacy ratio, net NPA to net	
	advances etc.	

Information pertaining to Supervision

S. No.	Information sought	Information provided
1	Give the list of NBFCs registered with Reserve Bank of India	List of NBFCs registered with RBI is available on https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS NBFCList.aspx List of HFCs registered with National Housing Bank (NHB) is available on https://nhb.org.in/en/list-of-housing-finance-companies-granted-certificate/
2	I would like to inquire about the status of Non-performing assets in our country.	Information on "Gross NPAs" is available in public domain on DBIE, RBI's data warehouse. The path to access the data is https://cimsdbie.rbi.org.in/ → Home → Statistics → Financial Sector → Banking - Performance Indicators → Variables to be published Bank and Bank Group wise (For Public Access) → Select Bank Name/s, Period and Units (Multiple banks may be selected at a time) → Asset Quality → Bank-wise important asset quality indicators of Scheduled Commercial Banks.
3	The details of audit firms appointed/reappointed as Statutory Branch Auditors (SBAs) by Public Sector Banks and allocation of branches	The details of audit firms appointed/reappointed as Statutory Branch Auditors (SBAs) by Public Sector Banks and allocation of branches can be accessed in the following path: https://www.rbi.org.in/ FUNCTIONWISE SITES → Regulation → Commercial Banking → For Bankers → Appointment of Statutory Auditors.
4	List of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) & Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) registered with RBI.	List of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) & Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) is available on following link: - https://rbi.org.in -> Functionwise sites -> Regulation -> Non-Banking -> List of NBFCs and ARCs registered with the RBI. https://rbi.org.in -> Functionwise sites -> Regulation -> Commercial Banking -> For Bankers -> List of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) https://rbi.org.in -> About Us -> Site Map -> Financial Intermediaries