

## RESERVE BANK OF INDIA Foreign Exchange Department Central Office Mumbai - 400 001

RBI/2011 -12/272 A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 50

November 23, 2011

To,

All Category - I Authorised Dealer Banks

Madam / Sir,

## Comprehensive Guidelines on Over the Counter (OTC) Foreign Exchange Derivatives –Foreign Currency – INR swaps

Attention of the Authorised Dealer Category - I (AD Category - I) banks is invited to A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 32 dated December 28, 2010, which sets out the guidelines governing the foreign exchange derivative contracts. In terms of the sub-para (iv) (c) on Foreign Currency-INR swaps in para 1 of the Part B.I. of the Section B in the Annex to the A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 32 dated December 28, 2010 the extant instructions state that "Swap transactions may be undertaken by AD Category I banks as intermediaries by matching the requirements of corporate counterparties. While no limits are placed on the AD Category I banks for undertaking swaps to facilitate customers to hedge their foreign exchange exposures, a limit of USD 100 million is placed for net supply of foreign exchange in the market...."

- 2. On a review, it has been decided to remove the above limit of USD 100 million placed for these swap transactions.
- 3. AD Category I banks may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents and customers concerned.
- 4. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and

are without prejudice to permissions /approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(Meena Hemchandra)

**Chief General Manager-in-Charge**