



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

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A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No.5

To

All Category – I Authorised Dealer Banks

Madam/ Sir,

Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) for resident individuals-Increase in the limit from USD 75,000 to USD 125,000

Attention of Authorised Dealer Category-I (AD Category-I) banks is invited to the guidelines regarding the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) for Resident Individuals (the Scheme).

2. It was decided vide [A.P.\(DIR Series\) Circular No. 138 dated June 3, 2014](#), to increase the limit to USD 125,000 per financial year (April-March) from USD 75,000. Accordingly, AD Category –I banks have been allowed to remit up to USD 125,000 per financial year, under the Scheme, for any permitted current or capital account transaction or a combination of both. Further, it is clarified that the Scheme can now be used for acquisition of immovable property outside India.

3. All other terms and conditions mentioned in [A.P.\(DIR Series\) Circular No. 64, dated February 4, 2004](#), [A.P.\(DIR Series\) Circular No. 24 dated December 20, 2006](#), [A.P.\(DIR Series\) Circular No.51 dated May 8, 2007](#), [A.P.\(DIR Series\) Circular No.36 dated April 4, 2008](#), [A.P.\(DIR Series\) Circular No.17](#) and [18](#) both dated September 16, 2011, [A.P.\(DIR Series\) Circular No.106 dated May 23, 2013](#), [A.P.\(DIR Series\) Circular No.24 dated August 14, 2013](#) and [A.P.\(DIR Series\) Circular No. 138 dated June 3, 2014](#), shall remain unchanged.

4. Reserve Bank has since amended the Principal Regulations through the Foreign Exchange Management (Permissible Capital Account Transaction) (Amendment)

Regulations, 2014 notified vide [Notification No. FEMA 311/2014-RB dated June 24, 2014](#) c.f. G.S.R. No. 488 (E) dated July 11, 2014.

5. AD-Category I banks may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents and customers concerned.

6. The directions contained in this Circular have been issued under Section 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,

(C. D. Srinivasan)
Chief General Manager