



In the

**Reserve Bank of India**  
Foreign Exchange Department  
Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai  
Chennai 600 001

Present

**V R Venkatesh**  
**General Manager**

Date: March 20, 2018  
**C.A.760/2017**

In the matter of

**M/s. E-IT Professionals India Pvt Ltd.,**  
No.34, Vairam's Complex, 112,  
Theyagaraya Road, T Nagar,  
Chennai- 600 017.

**(Applicant)**

In exercise of the powers under section 15 (1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the Regulations/Rules/Notifications/orders made there under, I pass the following

### **Order**

The applicant has filed a compounding application dated January 23, 2018 (received at Reserve Bank on February 01, 2018) for compounding of contraventions of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (the FEMA) and the regulations issued there under. The contraventions sought to be compounded are (i) delay in submission of Form FC-GPR on allotment of shares with Reserve Bank and (ii)



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allotment of shares prior to receipt of consideration, in terms of Paragraphs 9 (1) B and 8 respectively, of Schedule I to Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2000 notified, vide Notification No.FEMA.20/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000 and as then applicable (hereinafter referred to as Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB).

2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant company was incorporated on February 26, 2014 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No: U74140TN2014PTC095190) and is engaged in the business of activities of employment placement agencies. The applicant received three foreign inward remittances between 09.10.2015 and 29.06.2016 amounting to ₹42,17,889/- from (i) Mr. Ramkumar Ranganathan, USA (ii) Prabhakara Rao Nalamothu, USA (iii) M/s E-IT Professional Corp, USA towards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to Reserve Bank within the prescribed period.

3. The company allotted equity shares and filed FC-GPRs as indicated below:

Sl. No.	No. of shares	Face Value (in Rs.)	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment	Reported to RBI on
1.	50000	10	5,00,000	26.02.2014	19.07.2016
2.	248500	10	36,95,195	24.08.2016	08.01.2018

The applicant filed form FC-GPRs as indicated above with delay ranging from one year three months 14 days to two years three months 23 days approximately beyond the prescribed limit in respect of allotments. Whereas in terms of paragraph 9 (1) B of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, an Indian company issuing shares in accordance with these Regulations has to submit to Reserve Bank a report in Form FC-GPR along with documents prescribed therein within 30 days from the date of issue of shares to person resident outside India.

4. The company allotted 50000 shares of ₹10/- each against the remittances received as detailed below:



Sl. No.	Date of receipt	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares
1.	09.10.2015	4,95,000	26.02.2014
2.	12.10.2015	5,000	26.02.2014

The company received the inward remittances towards the above allotment with delay ranging from one year seven months 13 days to one year seven months 16 days approximately. Whereas in terms of paragraph 8 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, read with AP (Dir Series) Circular No.20 dated December 14, 2007 the shares have to be issued/amount refunded within 180 days from the date of receipt of the inward remittance.

5. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's mail dated March 15, 2018 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant appeared for the personal hearing on March 20, 2018 during which Shri P S Ramanujam, Director and Shri R Ramakrishnan, Practicing Chartered Accountant represented the applicant. The authorized representatives of the applicant admitted the contraventions as stated in para 3 and 4 above committed by the applicant for which compounding has been sought. During the personal hearing, it was submitted that the delays were unintentional. In view of the above, they requested to take a lenient view in the matter. The application for compounding is, therefore, being considered on the basis of the averments made in the application as well as other documents and submissions made in this context by the applicant during the personal hearing.

6. It has been declared in the compounding application dated January 23, 2018 that the particulars given by the applicant in the application are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief. It has been declared in the declaration dated January 23, 2018 furnished with the compounding application that the applicant was not under any enquiry/investigation/adjudication by any agency as on the date of the application and has, in this regard, not informed of initiation of any such enquiry/investigation/adjudication proceedings against it/him/her thereafter. Accordingly, the above contraventions which are being compounded in this Order are subject to the veracity of



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the above declarations made by the applicant and this order is without prejudice to any other action which may be taken by any authority under the extant laws if the said declarations are subsequently discovered to be false and/or incorrect.

7. I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submission made by the applicant in the compounding application and during the personal hearing. Accordingly, I hold that the applicant has contravened the following FEMA provisions issued in terms of:

- (a) Paragraph 9 (1) B of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB due to delay in submission of Form FC-GPR to the Reserve Bank after issue of shares to persons resident outside India and the contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 41,95,195/- with duration of contravention ranging from one year three months 14 days to two years three months 23 days approximately; and
- (b) Paragraph 8 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB read with para 5 of AP (DIR Series) Circular No.20 dated December 14, 2007 due to allotment of shares prior to receipt of consideration. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 5,00,000/- with the duration of contravention ranging from one year seven months 13 days to one year seven months 16 days approximately.

8. In terms of Section 13 of the FEMA, any person contravening any provision of the Act shall be liable to a penalty up to thrice the sum involved in such contravention upon adjudication. However, taking into account the relevant facts and circumstances of the case as stated in the foregoing paragraphs, I am persuaded to take a lenient view on the amount for which the contraventions are to be compounded and I consider that an amount of ₹ 47,406/- (Rupees forty seven thousand four hundred and six only) will meet the ends of justice.

9. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contraventions namely, the contraventions of paragraphs 9 (1) B and 8 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, by the applicant on the facts discussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 on payment of an amount of ₹ 47,406/-



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(Rupees forty seven thousand four hundred and six only) which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai, Chennai - 600 001 by a demand draft drawn in favour of the “Reserve Bank of India” and payable at Chennai within a period of **15 days** from the date of this order. In case of failure to deposit the compounded amount within the above mentioned period, Rule 10 of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 dated May 3, 2000 shall apply.

The application is disposed of accordingly.

Dated this Twentieth day of March, 2018.

Sd/-

**V R Venkatesh**  
**General Manager**