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# Reserve Bank of India: Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021: Salient Features:

A Scheme for resolving customer grievances relating to deficiency in services provided by entities regulated by Reserve Bank of India under:

- Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007

#### **Grounds of Complaint:**

 Any customer aggrieved by an act or omission of a Regulated Entity resulting in "deficiency in service" may file a complaint under the Scheme personally or through an authorised representative, other than the Advocate except where the Advocate himself/herself is aggrieved person

### Requisite for a complaint under the Scheme:

- The complaint to the Regulated Entity was made before the expiry of the period of limitation prescribed under the Limitation Act, 1963
- The complaint was rejected wholly or partly by Regulated Entity or the complainant had not received any reply within 30 days
- The complaint is made to the Ombudsman within one year after the complainant has received the reply from the Regulated Entity to the complaint or where no reply is received, within one year and 30 days from the date of the complaint.
- The complaint is not pending before an Ombudsman or pending before any Court, Tribunal or Arbitrator or any other Forum or Authority
- The complaint is not abusive or frivolous or vexatious in nature
- The complainant provides complete information
- The complaint is lodged by the complainant personally or through an authorised representative other than an advocate unless the advocate is the aggrieved person

# Grounds for non-maintainability of a Complaint

- Regarding commercial judgment/commercial decision of a Regulated Entity
- A dispute between a vendor and a Regulated Entity relating to an outsourcing contract
- A grievance not addressed to the Ombudsman directly
- General grievances against Management or Executives of a Regulated Entity;



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• Dispute in which action is initiated by a Regulated Entity in compliance with the orders of a statutory or law enforcing authority

- Service not within the regulatory purview of the Reserve Bank
- Dispute between Regulated Entities
- Dispute involving the employee employer relationship of a Regulated Entity

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# Steps to be followed by customer to file Complaint:

- **Step 1 -** Written (electronically or physically) representation/Complaint to Regulated Entity concerned
- Step 2 Regulated Entity will reply within 30 days from date of receipt of complaint
- Step 3 If reply is not received or aggrieved with the decision of Regulated Entity
- **Step 4** Make a complaint to the Ombudsman in physical form or through online portal (<a href="https://cms.rbi.org.in">https://cms.rbi.org.in</a>) within 1 year from date of reply received from Regulate Entity or where the reply is not received from Regulated Entity, within 1 year and 30 days from the date of complaint

### How does the Ombudsman take decisions?

- Proceedings before Ombudsman are summary in nature
- Promote the settlement of complaint through conciliation and mediation
- In case the NBFC omits or fails to file its written version and documents within 15 days then ombudsman can pass ex-parte order.

#### Can a customer appeal if not satisfied with decision of Ombudsman?

Yes, If Ombudsman's decision is appealable (within 30 days) > Appellate Authority > Executive Director in charge of Department of RBI.

#### Note:

- This is an Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanism
- Customer is at liberty to approach any other court/forum/authority for the redressal
- at any stage

"Deficiency in service" means a shortcoming or an inadequacy in any financial service, which the Regulated Entity is required to provide statutorily or otherwise, which may or may not result in financial loss or damage to the customer



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# Refer to www.rbi.org.in for further details of the Scheme

# **Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre:**

Reserve Bank of India, 4th Floor, Sector 17, Chandigarh — 160017

# A) Contact details of the Principal Nodal Officer of the Company

Name: Mr. Vishal Kaushik

Designation: Grievance Redressal Officer

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# B) List of Address and Area of Operation of RBI Ombudsmen

Add	Address and Area of Operation of RBI Ombudsmen				
SI No	Centre	Name & Address of the Office of RBI Ombudsmen			
1	Ahmedabad	Smt. N Sara Rajendra Kumar C/o Reserve Bank of India 4th Floor, "Riverfront House", Behind H.K. Arts College, Between Gandhi & Nehru Bridge, Pujya Pramukh Swami Marg (Riverfront Road - West), Ahmedabad-380 009 STD Code: 079 Tel. No. 26582357 Email: crpc@rbi.org.in			
2	Bengaluru	Ms Saraswathi Shyamprasad C/o Reserve Bank of India 10/3/8, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru -560 001, STD Code: 080 Tel. No. 22277660/22180221 Email: crpc@rbi.org.in			
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