# Sebi wants MFs to invest only in listed securities

## MFs' exposure to unrated debt to be capped at 5%

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**WITH AN AIM** to safeguard mutual fund investors from high-risk assets, markets regulator Sebi wants fund houses to shift all their investments to listed or to-be-listed equity and debt securities in a phased manner and reduce their exposure to unrated debt instruments from 25% to 5%.

Exposure to risky debt securities has emerged as a major risk for capital market investors, including those coming through the mutual fund space, and the regulator has been making efforts to enhance its regulatory safety net against such risks.

Taking forward certain decisions approved by the Sebi board in June, the regulator has now finalised the draft amendments to the prudential norms for mutual fund schemes for investment in debt and money market instruments.

Besides, some further amendments have been proposed for approval of the board at its next meeting later this month, officials said.

A fresh proposal is to reduce the existing overall limit for investment of mutual fund schemes in unrated debt instruments, except those for which specific norms are separately provided, from 25% to 5%.

Further, the existing provision of the single issuer limit of 10% for investment in unrated debt instruments has been proposed to be dispensed with, an official said. He, however, said these proposed limits may need to be reviewed periodically by Sebi after taking into account the market dynamics and participation of mutual funds in unrated debt securities from time to time.

# IDBI Bank, OBC cut MCLRs by up to 15 bps

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**PRIVATE SECTOR LENDER** IDBI Bank on Thursday revised its marginal cost of funds-based lending rates (MCLRs) across tenures, a day after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut its repo rate by 35 basis points (bps).

The one-year MCLR was lowered by 10 bps to 8.85% per annum with effect from August 12. The two-year MCLR has been reduced by 15 bps to 8.95%, three-year by 10 bps to 9.1%, three-month by 5 bps to 8.35% and six-month by 10 bps to 8.5%. The one-month and overnight rates remain unchanged.

Meanwhile, Oriental Bank of Commerce also decided to decrease its MCLR by up to 10 basis points across various tenors, the bank said in a release.

Transmission of monetary policy continues to be a sticky point between banks and the regulator. Despite a cumulative 75-bps cut in the repo rate between February and June this year, banks have reduced their weighted average lending rates (WALR) on fresh rupee loans by a mere 29 bps during the same period, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, SBI had reduced MCLRs by 15 bps across tenures, effective August 10.

# Rel Cap joint auditors say no breach in Companies Act, reject PWC allegations

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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**RELIANCE CAPITAL ON** Thursday said its joint auditors have confirmed that there are "no violations" as alleged by the firm's previous auditor, Price Waterhouse & Co Chartered Accountants LLP (PWC).

The board of directors of Reliance Capital on August 8 held a special meeting to review the matters arising out of the letter filed by PWC with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), under Section 143(12) of the Companies Act, 2013.

"The board took note of the views of the other joint auditors, who have been auditors of the company for the last three financial years and continue as the sole statutory auditors of the company, confirming that there are no violations as alleged by PWC under Section 143 (12) of the Companies Act, 2013," Reliance Capital said in a BSE filing.

Anil Ambani

The board said PWC had duly audited the accounts for financial year 2017–2018, as also limited review of financial results of three consecutive quarters ended December 2018, without any qualifications or raising any concerns.

The filing further said the board also took note of the views of legal experts who independently carried out an in-depth examination of the matter and the issues raised by PWC.

"The board noted the independent legal opinion from reputed law firm confirming that there was no violation attracting Section 143(12) of the Companies Act, and which concluded that the PWC letter is devoid of any rationale or basis and is invalid," it said.

PWC had resigned as statutory auditor of the company on June 11, 2019.

The company said the alleged basis relied upon by PWC for reporting under Section 143(12) is itself grossly inadequate, and does not even point to a single specific instance of alleged fraud.

# Yes Bank fixes QIP floor price at ₹87.90

FE BUREAU
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**YES BANK ON** Thursday said the capital raising committee of the board has approved the floor price of ₹87.90 per equity share for raising funds via qualified institutional placement (QIP). Shares of Yes Bank closed at ₹89.15 on Thursday on the BSE.

Yes Bank also indicated that the committee at its discretion may offer a discount of not more than 5% on the floor price. A meeting of the committee has been slotted for August 16 to decide on the issue price for the equity shares, including a discount, if any.

According to reports, the lender plans to raise ₹2,000-3,000 crore. The bank has not yet confirmed the amount and participants in the QIP. Reports also indicated that WestBridge Capital Partners, Farallon Capital and GIC, Singapore's sovereign wealth fund are some of the names that are likely to participate in the QIP.

Ravneet Gill, chief executive officer at Yes Bank, had indicated in June that the lender planned to raise $1.2 billion over 18 months to bolster its capital buffer through a mix of public and private share sales. The first priority was to raise capital, he had said.

Yes Bank also said it is currently in the process of appointing certain new key managerial personnel, including the chief financial officer, chief compliance officer and chief operating officer.

According to a company executive, the existing personnel in the roles mentioned above may not necessarily be removed from the bank but may move on to other roles.

*FE could not independently verify the same.*

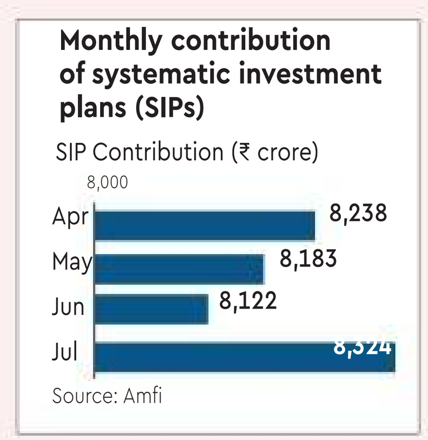
# SIPs drive equity MFs' stellar show

FE BUREAU
Mumbai, August 8

**DESPITE INDIAN EQUITIES** clocking the worst July performance in 17 years, equity-oriented schemes of mutual funds witnessed the highest inflows in the current financial year at ₹8,112.52 crore. Net inflows into mutual funds in July was at ₹87,087.71 crore, against outflows of ₹1.59 lakh crore in June.

Market participants say inflows into equity funds were largely due to the rising contribution of systematic investment plans (SIPs) and several investors investing lump-sum amounts when markets were down.

Swarup Mohanty, CEO at Mirae Asset Global Investments (India), said: "That investors are finding these levels conducive for buying speaks of the maturity of equity investors. If such a fall in the market had taken place four-five years ago, investors would have panicked and moved out their money. Now, we have seen participation through SIPs and also lump-sum investments... In July, we have also seen inflows across all the categories and it speaks of asset allocation in a superior way."




In July, contribution of SIPs stood at ₹8,324 crore. In the four months of the current financial year, SIP contribution was around ₹32,867 crore, shows the data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi). Market players also say inflows into equity schemes were high because of new fund offers (NFOs), which collected approximately ₹1,500-1,800 crore.

In equity-oriented schemes, inflows were across categories, barring dividend yield funds, which saw outflows of ₹25.02 crore. Large-cap and mid-cap funds saw inflows of ₹1,914.91 crore and ₹1,393.51 crore, respectively, in July. Focused funds witnessed inflows of ₹1,872.96 crore. While equity-oriented schemes received inflows, debt schemes saw inflows of ₹61,845.54 crore in July. Assets under management for the MF industry as on July stood at ₹24.53 lakh crore, against ₹24.25 lakh crore in June.

# UCO Bank narrows Q1 net loss to ₹601 crore

FE BUREAU
Kolkata, August 8

**UCO BANK ON** Thursday narrowed its net loss to ₹601.45 crore for the quarter ended June 30, from ₹633.88 crore for the same period a year ago. The lender saw an improvement in the asset quality during the period.

The bank, which is under the prompt corrective action (PCA) framework of the Reserve Bank of India, had reported a net loss of ₹1,552.03 crore for the fourth quarter of the last fiscal.

The lender's operating profit during the June quarter witnessed a marginal 1.63% year-on-year rise to ₹1,201.44 crore, from ₹1,182.17 crore in the year-ago period.

Net interest income grew 8.71% y-o-y to ₹1,334.97 crore, compared with ₹1,228.02 crore for the same period of FY19.

During the reviewed quarter, gross NPAs in absolute terms fell to ₹29,431.60 crore from ₹29,888.33 crore in the March quarter last fiscal.

Gross NPA had stood at ₹29,786.41 crore at the end of the June quarter last fiscal, according to an exchange filing.

# Affle makes strong debut with 17.5% gains

FE BUREAU
Mumbai, August 8

**AFFLE (INDIA) MADE** a strong debut on bourses on Thursday, as it opened at ₹929.90, against its issue price of ₹745, clocking a gain of 24.81% on the BSE. The stock finally ended at ₹875.10 up by 17.46% or ₹130.10.

The initial public offering (IPO) of Affle (India), which was subscribed over 86 times, made a high of ₹958.3 and a low of ₹751.05 during Thursday's trading session on the BSE. Anuj Khanna Sohum, chairman, MD and CEO, said: "The company has achieved this significant milestone with passion, hard work and invaluable contribution from all the 'Affl ers' and the key management team that has been together for over a decade."

The market capitalisation of the company stood at Rs 2,2311.9 crore as on Thursday's close.

Operating in two business segments, Affle's consumer and enterprise platforms aim to deliver contextual mobile ads, reduce digital ad frauds and enhance engagements, thereby delivering returns on market spend. The platform is used extensively by B2C companies.

Affle in a press note said as per the data available on the stock exchanges, the public issue worth ₹459 crore had received bids for ₹29.21 crore equity shares, against the IPO size of 33.78 lakh shares excluding the anchor investor's book, which raised approximately ₹224.55 crore from 15 investors.

# अडाणी एंटरप्राइजेज का शुद्ध लाभ पहली तिमाही में सात गुना बढ़ा

नई दिल्ली, 8 अगस्त (भाषा)।

अडाणी एंटरप्राइजेज का एकीकृत शुद्ध लाभ चालू वित्त वर्ष की पहली तिमाही में सात गुना बढ़कर 570.14 करोड़ रुपए रहा। इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष की इसी तिमाही में कंपनी को 80.14 करोड़ रुपए का शुद्ध लाभ हुआ था। शेयर बाजार को उपलब्ध कराई जानकारी के मुताबिक समीक्षावधि में कंपनी के शेयरधारकों को मिलने वाला शुद्ध लाभ बढ़कर 601 करोड़ रुपए हो गया जो इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष की इसी अवधि में 169 करोड़ रुपए था।

# धनाढ्यों को कर राहत की चर्चा के बीच सूचकांक ने लगाई छलांग

मुंबई, 8 अगस्त (भाषा)।

बंबई शेयर बाजार के सूचकांक ने गुरुवार को 637 अंक की लंबी छलांग लगाई जबकि नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी 11,000 अंक के स्तर के पार निकल गया। ऐसी चर्चा है कि सरकार विदेशी पोर्टफोलियो निवेशकों (एफपीआइ) की आय पर ऊंचे कर-अधिभार के कदम को वापस लेने की घोषणा कर सकती है। इस चर्चा के बीच बाजारों में तेजी आई। कारोबार के अंतिम घंटे में ऊर्जा, तेल एवं गैस, वाहन और आइटी कंपनियों के शेयरों में जोरदार लिवाली देखने को मिली।

बंबई शेयर बाजार का 30 शेयरों वाला सूचकांक कारोबार के दौरान 750 अंक तक घूमने के बाद अंत में 636.86 अंक या 1.74 फीसद की बढ़त के साथ 37,327.36 अंक पर बंद हुआ। दिन में कारोबार के दौरान इसने 37,405.48 अंक का उच्चस्तर छुआ। यह 36,655.41 अंक तक नीचे भी आया। नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी भी 176.95 अंक या 1.63 फीसद की बढ़त के साथ 11,032.45 अंक पर बंद हुआ।

कारोबार के दौरान निफ्टी 11,058.05 अंक के उच्चस्तर तक गया तथा यह 10,842.95 अंक के निचले स्तर तक भी आया। सूचकांक और निफ्टी में यह 20 मई से एक दिन की सबसे ज्यादा बढ़त है। उस दिन सूचकांक और निफ्टी दोनों ने 3.6 फीसद की छलांग लगाई थी।

कारोबारियों ने कहा कि इस तरह की खबरों के बाद कि सरकार एफपीआई पर ऊंचा अधिभार वापस ले सकती है, से निवेशकों की धारणा मजबूत हुई। जुलाई में बजट पेश होने के बाद से ही विदेशी निवेशक लगातार बिकवाली कर रहे हैं। इससे पूंजी बाजारों के अलावा रुपया भी दबाव में है। सूचकांक की कंपनियों में एचसीएल टेक, टाटा मोटर्स, महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा, बजाज आटो, रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज, हीरो मोटोकॉर्प, यस बैंक, मारुति, एचडीएफसी बैंक और बजाज फाइनेंस के शेयरों में 6.43 फीसद तक का लाभ रहा। वहीं दूसरी ओर टाटा स्टील, इंडसइंड बैंक और एक्सिस बैंक के शेयरों में 3.77 फीसद तक की गिरावट आई।

# छत्तीसगढ़ में पेट्रोल व डीजल पर वैट में रियायत खत्म

रायपुर, 8 अगस्त (भाषा)।

छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ने पेट्रोल और डीजल पर वैट में दी गई रियायत को हटा दिया है। इससे पेट्रोल और डीजल के दाम 2.25 रुपए प्रति लीटर बढ़ गए हैं। हालांकि, राज्य सरकार का दावा है कि वैट रियायत हटने के बाद भी सीमावर्ती राज्यों मध्य प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र और ओड़ीशा की तुलना में छत्तीसगढ़ में वाहन ईंधन अब भी सस्ता है।

राज्य के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों ने शुक्रवार को यहां बताया कि राजस्व का ध्यान रखते हुए डीजल और पेट्रोल पर वैट की दर पर दी गई रियायत को हटाया है। राज्य सरकार के वाणिज्यिक कर विभाग ने इसकी अधिसूचना जारी की। राज्य में पेट्रोल और डीजल की नई दरें गुरुवार (आठ अगस्त) से लागू हो गई हैं। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि सात अगस्त को भोपाल में पेट्रोल की कीमत 77.36 रुपए, नागपुर में 78.09 रुपए जबकि रायपुर में 70.85 रुपए प्रति लीटर थी। इसमें 2.25 रुपए की वृद्धि बहुत कम है। सात अगस्त को छत्तीसगढ़ में कर सहित डीजल 69.27 रुपए प्रति लीटर और पेट्रोल 70.85 रुपए प्रति लीटर था। इसमें डीजल पर वैट लगभग 12.85 रुपए और पेट्रोल पर वैट लगभग 13.95 रुपए है।

डीजल और पेट्रोल के मूल्यों में अप्रत्याशित वृद्धि को देखते हुए केंद्र सरकार ने अक्तूबर 2018 में दो रुपए प्रति लीटर की राहत देते हुए राज्यों को भी दो रुपए प्रति लीटर राहत देने को कहा गया था।

# सिंगटेल बढ़ा सकती है एअरटेल में प्रवर्तक हिस्सेदारी

नई दिल्ली, 8 अगस्त (भाषा)।

सिंगापुर की सिंगटेल, देश के प्रमुख दूरसंचार ब्रांड एअरटेल की प्रवर्तक कंपनी भारती एअरटेल में अपनी हिस्सेदारी 50 फीसद से अधिक बढ़ा सकती है। अगर ऐसा होता है तो एअरटेल देश की पहली विदेशी ढंग के तौर पर काम करने वाली निजी दूरसंचार सेवाप्रदाता कंपनी होगी।

बीएसई पर उपलब्ध आंकड़ों के अनुसार भारती एअरटेल में सबसे अधिक एकल हिस्सेदारी करीब 41 फीसद भारती टेलीकॉम की है। भारती टेलीकॉम में सुनील भारती मित्तल और उनके परिवार की करीब 52 फीसद हिस्सेदारी है।









# यूको बैंक को पहली तिमाही में 601 करोड़ रुपए का घाटा

नई दिल्ली, 8 अगस्त (भाषा)।

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के यूको बैंक को चालू वित्त वर्ष की जून में समाप्त तिमाही में 601.45 करोड़ रुपए का शुद्ध घाटा हुआ है। हालांकि, इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष की समान तिमाही की तुलना में बैंक का घाटा कम हुआ है। इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष की समान तिमाही में बैंक को 633.88 करोड़ रुपए का घाटा हुआ था। डूबे कर्ज के लिए प्रावधान कम होने से बैंक का घाटा नीचे आया है।

शेयर बाजारों को भेजी सूचना में बैंक ने कहा कि तिमाही के दौरान उसकी कुल आय बढ़कर 4,446.61 करोड़ रुपए पर पहुंच गई, जो एक साल पहले समान तिमाही में 4,360.88 करोड़ रुपए रही थी। समीक्षाधीन तिमाही में बैंक की संपत्ति की गुणवत्ता में कुछ सुधार देखने को मिला। जून में समाप्त तिमाही में बैंक की सकल गैर निष्पादित आस्तियां (एनपीए) घटकर 24.85 फीसद रह गईं जो एक साल पहले समान तिमाही में 25.71 फीसद थीं।