NSDL
Technology, Trust & Reach

Participant Services Circular

Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2026/0114 August 12, 2026

Subject: SEBI Press Release on 'SEBI streamlines inspection of market intermediaries'

Attention of Participants is invited to SEBI Press Release No. PR No.44/2026 regarding **"SEBI streamlines inspection of market intermediaries"** (copy enclosed).

Participants are requested to take note of above SEBI Press Release.

For and on behalf of

National Securities Depository Limited

Rakesh Mehta

Digitally signed by Rakesh Mehta
Date: 2026.08.12 12:23:51 +05'30'

Rakesh Mehta

Vice President

Enclosure: One

FORTHCOMING COMPLIANCE			
Particulars	**Deadline**	**Manner of sending**	**Reference**
Investor Grievance Report (Monthly)	By 10th of the following month	Through e-PASS	Para 22 of 'Grievance Redressal' chapter and Para 27 of 'Internal Controls/Reporting to NSDL/SEBI' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants
Compliance report w.r.t Same Mobile number and/ or email address captured for multiple accounts. (Monthly)	Before 27th of following month	Through Email.	Para 26 of 'Miscellaneous' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants.

भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड
Securities and Exchange Board of India

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति
PRESS RELEASE

संपर्क प्रभाग, सेबी भवन, बांद्रा कुर्ला कॉम्प्लेक्स, बांद्रा (पूर्व), मुंबई - 400 051
Communications Division, SEBI Bhavan, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051
दूरभाष / Tel: +91-22-26449000 ईमेल / email:press@sebi.gov.in वेबसाइट /website: www.sebi.gov.in

PR No.44/2026

SEBI streamlines inspection of market intermediaries

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) streamlines Stock Broker and Depository Participant inspections by mandating joint inspection by stock Exchanges and Depositories. Based on deliberations with Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) and the Supervisory Body for IAs/RAs regarding the planning and conduct of joint inspections of market intermediaries by SEBI, an enhanced approach has been adopted for the inspection of intermediaries by SEBI commencing from the Financial Year 2026-27.

The regulatory oversight of market intermediaries has been strengthened by employing a dynamic approach to encompass new risk parameters for identifying and shortlisting of entities for inspections. For robust supervision, following steps are intended to collectively enhance Ease of Doing Business of the intermediaries, as a result of the rationalisation in the frequency of inspection visits.

1. Considering the regular inspections of stock brokers, DPs, IAs and RAs done by Stock Exchanges and Depositories, the targeted number of inspections to be carried out by SEBI in the Financial Year 2026-27 has been rationalised to approximately one-third of the inspections conducted in the preceding Financial Year.

2. Repetitive annual comprehensive inspections of compliant entities by SEBI, especially QSBs are being discontinued. However, entities that repeatedly feature across shortlisting parameters over time, carry high ‘risk scores’, or trigger multiple alerts processed by Exchanges are being prioritised.

3. Inspection of entities with multiple intermediary registrations are being conducted jointly by different departments of SEBI (wherever feasible), with an objective to reduce the number of inspection visits across the Financial Year.

4. Greater emphasis has been laid upon alerts generated by the Exchanges, complaints and social media to assign a higher weightage to recent instances of possible violations. Accordingly, shortlisting is being done on a quarterly basis.

5. Further, inspections are being undertaken based on market intelligence/references including inputs received from ROs/LOs, covering themes including but not limited to technical glitches, cyber incidents and Authorised Persons of stock brokers based on references received.

Mumbai
August 07, 2026