

This is must read for everybody dealing in stock market

Because ignorance of law is not an excuse in the court of law

- Due to the tightened security and increased vigilance in the wake of threats emanating from increasing terrorism, any failure on our part to discharge our duties cast on us under the applicable laws or we becoming an instrumental or a part of the chain in certain transaction, even if unknowingly or ignorantly, **may land us in trouble.**
- There is an Act called **Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002.(PMLA)**
- The purpose of this act is to prevent the financing of terrorism and to prevent laundering of money i.e. to legalize or officialize or canalize the money generated from illegal activities like drug trafficking, organized crimes, hawala rackets and other serious crimes.
- This act is a part of the Global measures being taken by all the countries under the initiatives of UN agencies.
- It is applicable to all SEBI Registered brokers/sub-brokers and other financial institution who are dealing in any kind of financial assets.
- It is an obligation of the entities to whom this Act is applicable, to report certain kind of transactions routed through them to FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT, a department specially set up to administer this Act under the Ministry of Finance.
- The transactions which are supposed to be reported are cash transactions above rupees ten lakhs or series of cash transactions below ten lakhs but aggregating to above ten lakhs in a month or its equivalent in any foreign currency and the transactions which may not be in cash but suspicious in nature.
- Any such above types of transaction, though not executed but attempted and failed are also required to be reported.
- The suspicious transaction can be related to the transaction under the circumstances such as;
 - Clients whose identity verification seems difficult or clients that appear not to cooperate
 - Asset management services for clients where the source of the funds is not clear or not in keeping with clients apparent standing /business activity;
 - Clients based in high risk jurisdictions;
 - Substantial increases in business without apparent cause;
 - Clients transferring large sums of money to or from overseas locations with instructions for payment in cash;

- Attempted transfer of investment proceeds to apparently unrelated third parties;
 - Businesses undertaken by offshore banks/financial services,
 - Businesses reported to be in the nature of export/import of small items.
 - Unusual transactions by Clients of Special Categories (CSCs).
- Clients of Special Categories may include;
- NRI/HNI/Trust/Charities/NGO/Organizations receiving donations
 - Companies having close family shareholdings or beneficial ownership
 - Politically Exposed Persons
 - Companies offering foreign exchange offerings
 - Clients in high risk countries
 - Non face to face clients
 - Clients with dubious reputation as per public information available
- No trading or demat account can be opened in the name of entity whose name is listed on the banned entity list being maintained at United Nation's website at <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/consolist.shtml>.
- While opening the new accounts all the prescribed procedures of KYC and Client Identifications should strictly be followed in the context of ensuring the compliance under this act.
- All the records of transactions and client identifications must be preserved in a manner which can be promptly retrieved and reported to the authorities in the specified format.
- This is the highlights of the requirements under the Act. Subbrokers / Authorised Persons / Remissers are advised to go through the SEBI's master circular <http://www.sebi.gov.in/circulars/2010/mastercircular/MasterCircular.pdf> at <http://www.sebi.gov.in/circulars/2010/mastercircular/MasterCircular.pdf> for detailed information a understanding and also to visit the website of FIU IND at <http://fiuindia.gov.in>
- The end clients are advised to co-operate with us by providing the additional information / documents, if asked for during the course of your dealings with us to ensure the compliance requirements under this Act.
- As a responsible citizen, it is our statutory as well as moral duty to be vigilant and to refrain from temptation of easy monetary gains, by knowingly or unknowingly supporting the people who are involved in the activities which are endangering our freedom and causing damage to the nation and to us as well.
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