

Press Release

Caution to Public regarding forging of SEBI letterhead to issue fake notices

Mumbai, February 23, 2026: It has been noticed by Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) that a few fraudsters are forging the letterhead of SEBI by issuing fake notice for compliance with Securities Transaction Tax (STT) under Finance act, 2004. SEBI does not issue letters demanding direct payment of taxes like STT from individuals for release of funds. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is the statutory regulatory body for the securities market in India to protect investor interests, promote market development, and regulate securities activities and to ensure market transparency and integrity.

We hereby caution the public at large to please be extremely vigilant and cautious and not respond to / communicate with / deal with such unlawful persons / parties who are issuing such fake / fabricated communications, i.e., letters, emails, website, phone calls, SMS, WhatsApp chats, Telegram channels, Facebook & Instagram posts or any other form of communication and demanding any kind of payment or information.

If you are in receipt of any such fake or fabricated communication, kindly report it to SEBI or MCX via grievance redressal mechanisms. We urge investors to exercise caution and report suspicious communications immediately.

The above is issued in the interest of the investors at large.

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