

PRESS RELEASE

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Caution to Public regarding fake notice forging SEBI's letterhead on compliance with Securities Transaction Tax (STT)

National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) cautions investors to protect themselves from fraudsters and remain vigilant while dealing with communications fabricated to have been sent by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) officials and senders seeking payment on behalf of SEBI.

It has been brought to the notice of NSE that fraudsters are claiming to be officials of SEBI and sending forged communication impersonating official letters of SEBI using forged letter head, logo and seal. These fake documents/notices falsely demand that payment of Securities Transaction Tax (STT) is required for the release of funds under the Finance Act, 2004.

To safeguard against such fraudulent activities, investors are urged to exercise caution and note the following:

1. Verify the authenticity of individuals or entities demanding information or payment on behalf of SEBI/Exchanges. It is reiterated that SEBI/Exchanges does not issue letters demanding direct payment of tax, including STT, for the release of funds.
2. Genuine SEBI circulars are available only on SEBI's official website (www.sebi.gov.in) and NSE circulars are available only on NSE's official website (www.nseindia.com).
3. Do not respond to, share personal details with, or make payments based on forged documents.
4. If you receive suspicious communication, report it immediately to SEBI or NSE through official grievance redressal mechanisms.

Investors are advised to take note of the above.

Issued in interest of investors

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