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FE BUREAU Mumbai, February 4

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Sebi chief Ajay Tyagi (left) and NSE MD & CEO Vikram Limaye at the launch of the RFQ platform in Mumbai on Tuesday

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DDT removal step in right direction: Tyagi

SUNDAR SETHURAMAN Mumbai, 4 February

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has welcomed the move by the government to shift the dividend taxation liability from companies to investors.

"Removal of dividend distribution tax (DDT) was something the market has been asking for. DDT was not logical. It was perhaps introduced to facilitate imposing tax at the unit stage. Ideally, it should be paid by the recipient as per their tax slab," said Ajay Tyagi, chairman of Sebi, on the sidelines of an event organised by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) to launch the request for quote (RFQ) platform for debt

The Budget announcement

STRIKING A CHORD

Country	Effective rate of withholding tax (WHT) on dividends paid
US	30%
UK	No withholding tax on dividends
Germany	26.375%
Netherlands	15%
Singapore	No withholding tax on dividends

Note: Rates subject to applicable lower tax treaty rates under the respective tax treaty

got a mixed response from the market. While removal of DDT will result in tax savings of 20 per cent for companies, promoters and other wealthy shareholders may be taxed as high as 43 per cent on the dividends they receive.

Analysts believe firm will now resort to buybacks instead of paying dividends.

Globally, dividends are taxed differently across geographies. While the US and Germany impose withholding tax on dividends, other markets like UK and Singapore don't.

Meanwhile, Tyagi said Sebi has asked Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund to explain its decision to assign zero value to Vodafone Idea debentures even before any action was initiated by rating agencies.

"If the asset isn't below investment grade, there is no stipulation as such. We have asked the fund house for an explanation," he said when asked about the issue.

The action differed from eers UTI MF, Nippon MF, and Birla MF, which went for writedowns as per the valuation metrics provided by rating agencies. Tyagi wasn't specific when asked if Sebi asked other fund houses for an explanation.

On the proposed share sale of LIC, Tyagi said the insurer will have to follow the same process as any other firm. He refused to comment further saying "no formulation has come to us yet".

Tyagi also said Sebi is reviewing the classification framework meant for mid-cap and small-cap mutual funds.

On the launch of NSE's new platform, he said, "The RFQ platform would definitely help in pre-trade transparency, bringing in core confidence among participants by providing exit route in the secondary market and bond market in a transparent manner."

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'एनएसई'ची रोख्यांसाठी 'आरएफक्यू' सेवा



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The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairman Ajay Tyagi, on February 4, said the 'unification' of the debt market, and any appropriate tweaking to improve its liquidity and investor-friendliness, should be undertaken.

"I think that the unification of markets, an idea which was initially brought about in the 2015 Budget, needs to be taken forward in the medium term with appropriate tweaking, as and when be required," he said.

Speaking at the launch of NSE's RFQ platform for execution and settlement of trades, which would allow market participants to transact in debt securities, Tyagi also made a pitch for setting up credit enhancement fund to facilitate infrastructure funding and operationalising a mechanism for credit default swaps. Tyagi also proposed for passing a legislation that would help in the development of the bond market and bring in much-required liquidity.

The SEBI Chairman also highlighted the regulator's achievements in last three years towards the development of the bond market.

"The development of the bond market was close to my heart, and in the last couple of years regulator had done significant work," said Tyagi, who has been credited with laying down the groundwork for the development of bond market.

"The bond / secondary market is not very liquid. The US is the only market that is an outlier where daily trade as a percentage of corporate bonds outstanding are over 1 percent," said Tyagi.

Tyagi noted that in India it is 0.63 percent, in Japan it is at 0.05 percent, China at 0.07 percent, and South Korea at 0.20 percent.

"Among its peers and Asian countries, India is not doing that bad as of now, but we truly appreciate that 0.63 percent of the daily trade as percentage of corporate bonds outstanding is hardly anything, and there is a need for more liquidity, greater deepening, development, and participation in the bond market. In this context the RFQ platform become more important and a relevant initiative," said Tyagi.

The SEBI Chairman added that much more needs to be done to shift from bank-based lending to the bond market. Tyagi also said that the Electronic Book Building mechanism has been really good as a mechanism for issuances, family issuances and for private placement basis in a transparent manner.

Electronic Book Building was started in somewhere in 2018 and till now there have been more than 1,500 issuances, and an amount more than Rs 9 lakh crore has been raised through it. During April to December of this fiscal year, the amount raised was Rs 3,88,000 crore, which is more than last fiscal year's Rs 3,14,000 crore. So despite the slowdown the amount being raised is increasing, which shows that the platform is getting more popular.

"I would say with satisfaction that the Electronic Bidding Platform (EBP) is moving in the right direction. A reform which was put in place 2.5 years ago consolidated the re-issuance of licenses, which I think allows for a maximum of seventeen licenses that are maturing in the financial year.

This was done after a review to reduce fragmentation in bringing in liquidity, which has happened to an extent".

Speaking on the initiatives taken during the last three years, the SEBI Chairman also stated that regulations governing Municipal Bonds have been almost rewritten, and that the regulator has had meetings with the National Housing Board (NHB), Secretary for Urban Development, and various municipalities.

"The smart cities initiative is also facilitating the raising of debt by the municipalities, which is another good effort," said Tyagi.

Tyagi also spoke about how in 2018 and 2019, SEBI had put out a framework to enhance market borrowings with large corporates. According to the framework, large borrower's segmental borrowing need to have 75 percent of the borrowing from the bond market.

Tyagi also said that SEBI also came out with a framework for the listing of commercial papers (CPs) that brought about more transparency. "The aim was to create awareness among the public about why and how the funds will be used."

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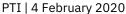
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NSE launches request for quote platform in debt securities



Mumbai, Feb 4 (UNI) National Stock
Exchange (NSE) on Tuesday announced the
launch of Request for Quote Platform for
execution and settlement of trades (NSE RFQ
Platform) which will allow market
participants to transact in debt securities.
Ajay Tyagi, Chairman, SEBI launched the
NSE RFQ Platform at an event in the
financial capital of the country.
The NSE RFQ Platform can be accessed by

eligible participants namely all regulated entities, listed corporates, institutional investors etc. The NSE RFQ Platform will provide market participants range of options to seek a quote and to respond to a quote, while keeping an audit trail of all the interactions i.e. quoted yield, mutually agreed price, deal terms etc. This will bring pre trade transparency in the transactions of eligible debt securities.

http://www.uniindia.com/news/business-economy/nse-launches-request-for-quote-platform-in-debt-securities/1876300.html

NSE launches request-for-quote platform in debt securities

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Mumbai (Maharashtra) [India], Feb 4 (ANI): National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India Ltd on Tuesday announced the launch of request-for-quote (RFQ) platform for execution and settlement of trades which will allow market participants to transact in debt securities. The NSE RFQ platform can be accessed by eligible participants namely all regulated entities, listed corporates and institutional investors. It will provide market participants range of options to seek a quote and to respond to a quote while keeping an audit trail of all the interactions, that is quoted yield, mutually agreed price and deal terms. This will bring pre-trade transparency in the transactions of eligible debt securities. NSE will manage the RFQ

platform and will specify various parameters for facilitating effective interactions among the participants.

The eligible transactions will be reported to the corporate bond platform and will be settled by the NSE Clearing Ltd.

The NSE RFQ platform will facilitate further electronification of the debt markets in India, said Managing Director and CEO Vikram Limaye.

"The platform will cover the entire process of seeking a quote for security, interacting with various participants, doing multiple rounds of negotiation and recording all these chains of events in an electronic form," he said in a statement.

Ajay Tyagi, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), said the launch of NSE RFQ platform is an important milestone for the debt market.

"The single platform for multiple debt securities including corporate bonds and government securities could go a long way in developing bond market in India," he said. (ANI)

https://www.aninews.in/news/business/nse-launches-request-for-quote-platform-in-debt-securities20200204140704/