Reserve Bank of India
Foreign Exchange Department
Central Office
Mumbai- 400 001

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Receipt from, and payment to, a person resident outside India

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 3 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), and in partial modification of its <u>Notification No.FEMA 16/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000</u>, (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Notification'), the Reserve Bank hereby directs that the said Notification shall with effect from September 16, 2011@ be amended as under, namely:-

After Regulation (3) of the said Notification, the following Regulations shall be inserted, namely:-

"(4) Gift in Rupees

An individual resident in India may make a gift to a Non Resident Indian (NRI)/ Person of Indian Origin (PIO), who is a close relative of the resident individual, in rupees by way of crossed cheque /electronic transfer:

Provided that -

- (i) The amount should be credited to the Non-Resident (Ordinary) Rupee Account (NRO) a/c of the NRI / PIO and credit of such gift amount may be treated as an eligible credit to NRO a/c.
- (ii) The gift amount would be within the overall limit per financial year under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) for a resident individual.
- (iii) It would be the responsibility of the resident donor to ensure that the gift amount being credited is under the LRS and all the remittances / credits under the LRS during the financial year including the gift amount have not exceeded the limit prescribed there under.

(5) Loan in Rupees to non resident

A resident individual may grant loan in rupees to a NRI relative by way of crossed cheque /electronic transfer subject to compliance with the Regulation 8B of the

Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending in Rupees) Regulations, 2000 (Notification No. FEMA 4/2000-RB dated 3rd May, 2000, as amended from time to time.

Explanation:

For the purpose of this regulation,

- 1. Close relative means relative as defined in Section 6 of the Companies Act, 1956;
- 2. NRI, PIO, NRO account shall have meaning as defined in the Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations, 2000; and
- 3. Liberalised Remittance Scheme means scheme as notified vide <u>A.P. (DIR Series)</u>

 <u>Circular No. 64 dated February 4, 2004</u> as amended from time to time."

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Footnote:-

- 1. @ It is clarified that no person will be adversely affected as a result of retrospective effect being given to these regulations.
- 2. The Principal Regulations were published in the Official Gazette vide G.S.R. No. 403 (E) dated May 08, 2000 in Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) and subsequently amended vide
- (a) G.S.R. No. 860(E) dated November 10, 2000,
- (b) G.S.R. No. 483(E) dated June 28, 2001.

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