

# **Takeover Regulations**

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# Overview

### **Evolution of Takeover Law**



Considering the significance of the Takeover Regulations, SEBI on 28th of November, 2022 constituted a committee of 20 members lead by *Shri. Justice Retd. Shiavax Jal Vazifdar* (Retd.) Chief Justice, of the Punjab and Haryana High Court for revamping and strengthening existing law

Proposed measures by the committee under Takeover Regulations, 2011 would be —

- To facilitate ease of doing business;
- In light of past judicial pronouncements and various informal guidance's;
- To simplify Takeover Regulations and to strengthen Takeover Regulations by adopting appropriate global practice;

### **Purpose of Takeover**

To ensure <u>Fair Exit</u> <u>Opportunity</u> for the shareholders To ensure <u>Fair</u> <u>Play in Exit</u> <u>Opportunity</u> and

> To ensure <u>Fair</u> <u>Disclosure</u> about the change in shareholding & control in the Company

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### **Current Law**

## Offer

#### Initial Threshold – Regulation 3(1)

Acquisition of 25% or more of the voting rights of the Target Company.

#### Creeping Acquisition – Regulation 3(2)

Any acquisition of additional 5% or more of the voting rights in any financial year

#### Control– Regulation 4

Acquiring control over the target company, irrespective of any voting rights

#### Indirect Acquisition – Regulation 5

Indirectly acquiring shares breaching limit under Regulation 3 or 4, also triggers open offer.

# Non-Offer

#### Regulation 29(1)

Disclosures for acquisition of 5% or more shares of the target company

#### Regulation 29(2)

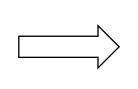
Disclosure for change in holding of 2% or more, when already holding along with PAC more than 5% shares

#### Regulation 31

Disclosure for encumbrance

### **Exemptions under Takeover Regulations**

#### Automatic Exemption Regulation 10



#### Inter-se transfers;

- Transmission/ Succession;
- Scheme of arrangements;
- Buy-backs;
- Insolvency:
- Rights Issue





- Grant exemption from the obligation to make an open offer;
- Grant relaxation from strict compliance with procedural requirement of offer

### **Important Case Laws**

### Subhkam Ventures (I) Pvt. Ltd

SEBI observed that rights conferred upon the Acquirer, through the agreements, amounted to **'control'** 

### Kamat Hotels (India) Ltd

SEBI has held that existence of protective rights to safeguard one's investments cannot be construed to be acquisition of "control

### Jet Airways (India) Limited

Etihad has no control over management or policy decision of Jet as the supremacy of the promoters in the board is unaffected by the transaction.

