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COMMUNIQUÉ TO DEPOSITORY PARTICIPANTS

CDSL/AUDIT/DP/POLCY/2026/440

July 01, 2026

SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT REPORT FOR DIGITAL PLATFORMS

Depository Participant (DPs) are advised to refer to the below-mentioned Communiqués regarding digital accessibility compliance,

1. **CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2025/516**, dated August 04, 2025.
2. **CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2025/656**, dated September 29, 2025.
3. **CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2025/804**, dated December 09, 2025.
4. **CDSL/AUDIT/DP/POLCY/2026/287**, dated April 28, 2026.
5. **CDSL/AUDIT/DP/POLCY/2026/376**, dated June 04, 2026.

Additionally, DPs are advised to refer to the below-mentioned SEBI Circulars.

1. **SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111** dated July 31, 2025, regarding Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder - mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities [refer Annexure-A].
2. **SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/121** dated August 29, 2025, regarding Extension of timelines and Update of reporting authority for IAs and RAs w.r.t. SEBI Circular for Compliance to Digital Accessibility Circular 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder- mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities' dated July 31, 2025 (Circular No. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111) [refer Annexure-B].
3. **SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/131** dated September 25, 2025, regarding Compliance Guidelines for Digital Accessibility Circular 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder- mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities' dated July 31, 2025 (Circular No. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111) [refer Annexure-C].
4. **HO/13/19/13(2)2025-ITD-1_VIAP//187/2025** dated December 08, 2025, regarding Clarification on the Digital Accessibility circulars of SEBI [refer Annexure-D].

As prescribed in the above-mentioned SEBI circular, DPs are required to submit the Final Accessibility Audit Report for each digital platforms latest by **July 31, 2026**, to the Depository.



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In the view of the above, all DPs are advised to submit the Final Accessibility Audit Report for digital platforms in accordance with the process outlined in attached **Annexure E** through the AuditWeb Portal - <https://auditweb.cdslindia.com>.

The Depository Participant (DP) shall ensure that the Accessibility Auditor comprehensively covers all applicable digital platforms within the scope of the audit including websites, mobile applications, portals, and similar interfaces. Further, DPs are advised to include the Accessibility Auditor's certification details (IAAP ID / Certificate Number) along with the auditor's contact information in the signed audit report to be uploaded on the AuditWeb Portal.

Further, it is recommended that the DPs are advised to include the auditor's certification details (IAAP ID / Certificate Number) along with their contact information, in the signed audit report to be uploaded by them on the AuditWeb Portal.

DPs are requested to take note of the aforesaid compliance requirement and ensure compliance latest by July 31,2026.

Queries regarding this communiqué may be addressed to CDSL – Audit, Inspection & Compliance Department on telephone nos. (022) 6234-3143/ 6234-3074 / 6234-3489 and 6234-3082.

**For and on behalf of
Central Depository Services (India) Limited**

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Sr. Manager - Audit, Inspection & Compliance**



परिपत्र / CIRCULAR

SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111

31.07.2025

To,

1. सभी मान्यताप्राप्त स्टॉक एक्सचेंज
2. सभी मान्यताप्राप्त समाशोधन निगम
(क्लीयरिंग कारपोरेशन)
3. सभी रजिस्टर डिपॉज़िटरी (निक्षेपागार)
4. सभी रजिस्टर इंटरमीडियरी (मध्यवर्ती)
5. असोसिएशन ऑफ म्यूचुअल फंड्स इन
इंडिया (एएमएफआई)
6. असोसिएशन ऑफ पोर्टफोलियो मैनेजर्स
इन इंडिया (एपीएमआई)
7. बीएसई एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन एंड सुपरविज़न
(बीएसएल)

1. All Recognised Stock Exchanges
2. All Recognised Clearing
Corporations
3. All Registered Depositories
4. All Registered Intermediaries
5. Association of Mutual Funds in India
(AMFI)
6. Association of Portfolio Managers in
India (APMI)
7. BSE Administration & Supervision
Limited (BASL)

महोदया / महोदय,

Madam/Sir,

विषय: दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 और उसके तहत बनाए गए नियमों का सभी विनियमित (रेग्युलेटिड) एंटिटियों द्वारा अनिवार्य तौर पर पालन किए जाने के संबंध में

Subject: Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder- mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities.

1. दिव्यांगजनों के अधिकारों की रक्षा व उनके मान-सम्मान की खातिर यह जरूरी है कि उन्हें भी सिक्यूरिटीज़

1. To protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities and ensure their full and effective participation in securities market, it is necessary to

मार्केट (प्रतिभूति बाजार) में शरीक होने का पूरा अवसर मिले तथा सेबी द्वारा विनियमित (रेग्यूलेटिड) एंटिटियों के डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म पर पूरी एक्सेस मिले ।

2. इस परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) के प्रयोजनार्थ, शब्दों “विनियमित (रेग्यूलेटिड) एंटिटी या आरई¹” का अर्थ है - सेबी से रजिस्टर / सेबी द्वारा मान्यताप्राप्त इंटरमीडियरी (मध्यवर्ती) [जैसे कि स्टॉक दलाल (ब्रोकर), म्यूचुअल फंड, केवाईसी (अपने ग्राहक को जानिए) संबंधी रजिस्ट्रीकरण एजेंसियाँ, क्यूआरटीए, आदि) और बाजार की बुनियादी संस्थाएँ (एमआईआई) [स्टॉक एक्सचेंज, डिपॉज़िटरी (निक्षेपागार) और क्लीयरिंग कारपोरेशन (समाशोधन निगम)], जिन्हें सेबी रेग्यूलेट करता है ।
3. उपरोक्तानुसार व्यवस्था करने के लिए यह जरूरी है कि आरई के सभी डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म पर दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 के प्रावधानों और उसके तहत बनाए गए नियमों के प्रावधानों (समय-समय पर यथा संशोधित) के अनुरूप समस्त

provide for their access to Digital Platforms of SEBI Regulated Entities.

2. For the purpose of this Circular, the term “Regulated Entity or RE¹” shall refer to SEBI registered/ recognised intermediaries (for example stockbrokers, mutual funds, KYC Registration Agencies, QRTAs, etc.) and Market Infrastructure Institutions (Stock Exchanges, Depositories and Clearing Corporations) regulated by SEBI.
3. In order to facilitate such accessibility, it is mandated that all Digital Platforms of REs shall be compliant with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (“RPwD Act, 2016”) and corresponding rules, specifically with regard to the following

¹ प्रतिभूति संविदा (विनियमन) अधिनियम 1956, सेबी अधिनियम 1992, और निक्षेपागार अधिनियम 1996 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार सेबी के दायरे में आने वाली एंटिटियाँ ।

Entities within SEBI's purview, refer to Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act 1956, SEBI Act 1992, and Depositories Act 1996.

जरूरी व्यवस्थाएँ हों, खासकर नीचे दिए गए प्रावधानों के अनुरूप:

provisions (as amended or modified or substituted from time to time):

- क. **दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 की धारा 40** - जो एक्सेसिबिलिटी से संबंधित है
- ख. **दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 की धारा 42** - जो जानकारी पाने हेतु हर जरूरी एक्सेस व सुविधाएँ प्रदान करने से संबंधित है
- ग. **दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 की धारा 46** - जो सेवा प्रदाताओं (सर्विस प्रोवाइडर) द्वारा एक्सेस व सुविधाएँ प्रदान किए जाने हेतु निर्धारित की गई समय-सीमा से संबंधित है
- घ. **दिव्यांगजन अधिकार नियम, 2017 का नियम 15(1)(ग)** - जो एक्सेसिबिलिटी से संबंधित है
4. दिव्यांगजनों के लिए डिजिटल एक्सेस से संबंधित प्रावधानों का पालन सुनिश्चित करने हेतु, आरई संलग्नक-I में दिए गए निदेशों का पालन करेंगी।
5. इन डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म पर एक्सेस प्रदान किए जाने से संबंधित प्रावधानों का पालन किया गया या नहीं इसकी स्थिति से आरई अवगत करवाएंगी (खासकर निम्नलिखित के संदर्भ में):
- a. **Section 40 of RPwD Act, 2016- Accessibility**
- b. **Section 42 of RPwD Act, 2016- Access to information and communication technology.**
- c. **Section 46 of RPwD Act, 2016- Time limit for accessibility by service providers.**
- d. **Rule 15(1)(c) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017- Rules for Accessibility**
4. REs shall refer to **Annexure I** for detailed directions on ensuring compliance with Digital Accessibility requirement for Persons with Disabilities.
5. REs shall provide updates on the status of implementation of accessibility provisions on all this Digital Platforms, specifically in accordance to the following milestones:

क्र. सं. Sl. No.	समय-सीमा / Timeline	क्या-क्या करना है / Milestone
1	इस परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) के जारी होने की तारीख से 1 महीने के भीतर Within 1 month of the issuance of circular	1. आरई अपने उन सभी डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म की सूची प्रस्तुत करेंगी, जो उन्होंने निवेशकों के लिए उपलब्ध करवाए हुए हों। REs shall submit a list of digital platforms provided by them for the investors. 2. आरई यह रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करेंगी कि उन्होंने इस परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) में दिए गए निदेशों का पालन किया या नहीं, यानि कि वे पालन संबंधी रिपोर्ट / की गई कार्रवाई से संबंधित रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करेंगी। REs shall submit a compliance/ action taken report pertaining to the clauses of this circular.
2	इस परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) के जारी होने की तारीख से 45 दिनों के भीतर Within 45 days of the issuance of circular	आईएएपी से प्रमाणित 'एक्सेसिबिलिटी प्रोफेशनल' को ऑडिटर के रूप में नियुक्त किया जाएगा। Appointment of IAAP certified accessibility professionals as Auditor.
3	इस परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) के जारी होने की तारीख से 3 महीनों के भीतर Within 3 month of issuance of the circular	डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म पर एक्सेसिबिलिटी हेतु पर्याप्त व्यवस्था की गई है या नहीं, इसका ऑडिट करवाया जाएगा। Conduct of Accessibility Audit for the digital platforms.
4	इस परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) के जारी होने की तारीख से 6 महीनों के भीतर Within 6 months of issuance of circular	ऑडिट में पाई गई खामियों को सुधारने हेतु पर्याप्त कदम उठाए जाएँगे और इस परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) में दिए गए निदेशों का पालन सुनिश्चित किया जाएगा। Remediation of findings from the audit and ensuring compliance with this circular.

6. इस परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) में दिए गए निदेशों आदि का पालन किए जाने से संबंधित रिपोर्ट वार्षिक आधार पर, प्रत्येक वित्तीय वर्ष के समाप्त होने की तारीख से 30 दिनों के भीतर, निम्नानुसार प्रस्तुत करनी होगी:

6. The compliance reporting for this circular shall be done on annual basis within 30 days from the end of each financial year in accordance with the following manner:

क्र. सं. Sl. No.	विनियमित (रेग्युलेटिड) एंटीटी Regulated Entity	रिपोर्टिंग प्राधिकारी Reporting authority
1	स्टॉक दलाल (ब्रोकर) / डिपॉज़िटरी पार्टिसिपेंट्स (निक्षेपागार सहभागी) Stock Brokers/ Depository Participants	स्टॉक एक्सचेंज / डिपॉज़िटरी (निक्षेपागार) Stock Exchanges / Depositories.
2	निवेश सलाहकार Investment Advisor ("IAs")	बीएसई एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन एंड सुपरविज़न लिमिटेड (बीएसएल) BSE Administration & Supervision Limited ("BASL").
3	एमआईआई (बाजार की बुनियादी संस्थाएँ) और अन्य सभी आरई MIs and rest of the REs	भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड (सेबी) SEBI

7. इस परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) के प्रावधान यह परिपत्र जारी किए जाने की तारीख से सभी आरई के मामले में लागू होंगे ।

7. **Applicability:** The provisions of this circular shall be applicable to all REs with effect from the date of this circular.

8. यह परिपत्र (सर्कुलर) भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड अधिनियम, 1992 (सेबी एक्ट, 1992) की धारा 11(1) [जो प्रतिभूतियों (सिक्यूरिटीज़) में निवेश

8. This circular is being issued in exercise of the powers under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the

करने वाले निवेशकों के हितों का संरक्षण करने और सिक्यूरिटीज मार्केट (प्रतिभूति बाजार) के विकास को बढ़ावा देने और उसे विनियमित (रेग्यूलेट) करने से संबंधित हैं] के तहत प्रदान की गई शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए जारी किया जा रहा है ।

9. यह परिपत्र सेबी की वेबसाइट (www.sebi.gov.in) पर इन शीर्षकों के अंतर्गत दिया हुआ है: “कानूनी ढाँचा - परिपत्र” ।

development of, and to regulate the securities market.

9. This circular is available at www.sebi.gov.in under the link “Legal → Circulars”.

भवदीय / Yours faithfully,

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संलग्न / Encl.: उपरोक्तानुसार / As above

Annexure-I

Directions on Digital Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)

A. Executive Summary

Recently, writ petitions were filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to formulate appropriate rules and guidelines for conducting Digital Know Your Client ("KYC") /e-KYC/video KYC (Know Your Customer) process through alternative methods with a view to ensuring that the process is more inclusive and accessible to all persons with disabilities in accordance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 ("RPwD Act, 2016") and rules made thereunder.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its judgment dated April 30, 2025, in the matter of Pragya Prasun & Ors. Vs. Union of India and Ors. [WP(C)/289/2024] and Amar Jain vs. Union of India & Ors. [WP(C)/49/2025] pertaining to Digital Accessibility for persons with disabilities, has inter alia held that the right to Digital Access is an intrinsic component of right to life and personal liberty.

In line with the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated April 30, 2025, SEBI has directed its efforts towards strengthening the accessibility of Digital Platforms in the securities market.

In order to promote an inclusive digital ecosystem in the Indian Securities Market, this Annexure outlines a set of actionable directions to ensure digital accessibility. These directions are divided into thematic sections for better comprehension and execution by SEBI Regulated Entities (REs).

Hereafter, the term "Digital Accessibility" shall inherently be understood as "Digital Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities" in order to prioritize digital accessibility for all persons with disabilities – including but not limited to acid attack survivors suffering from permanent facial/eye disfigurement, persons with blindness and low vision, and other similarly placed individuals.

B. Scope

All REs shall ensure that their Digital Platforms and content published on the digital platform shall strictly adhere to the accessibility standards and guidelines, including:

1. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines ("WCAG") 2.1 or latest version.
2. Accessibility guidelines as described in the latest version of Guidelines for Indian Government Websites ("GIGW").

3. IS 17802: Indian Standards on Accessibility Requirements for Information and Communication Technology (“ICT”) Products and Services.
4. Provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and corresponding rules for digital accessibility mentioned in this Circular.

These standards shall serve as the baseline for compliance under this circular and must be referred to in all digital initiatives.

C. Directions for ensuring Digital Accessibility

Section 1: Institutional Arrangement

- 1.1. The compliance with this circular shall be reviewed and approved by Managing Director or the Managing Partner or the Proprietor of the REs, as may be applicable. REs shall designate any senior officer as the Nodal Officer for digital accessibility compliance. In the absence of an officially designated Nodal Officer, the Compliance Officer or the Proprietor shall be deemed to be the Nodal Officer for ensuring digital accessibility compliance.
- 1.2. The major roles and responsibilities of the Nodal Officer shall be to ensure digital accessibility for every investor by ensuring that activities, including but not limited to conducting accessibility audits, mitigation of accessibility audit findings, implementation of accessibility guidelines, and timely redressal of grievance. The Nodal Officer shall serve as the contact point for SEBI in any matter pertaining to digital accessibility.
- 1.3. A grievance redressal mechanism specific to accessibility issues shall be institutionalized within the REs. Channels such as email, helpline, and web forms must be user-friendly for PwDs. The system must include provisions for escalation to senior officers.
- 1.4. The reporting of compliance with respect to this circular shall be done by the REs to their respective authority(ies) as per the reporting mentioned in this Circular.

Section 2: Web and Document Accessibility

- 2.1. The Digital Platforms of the REs shall include features such as Indian Sign Language (ISL) videos, closed captioning, descriptive audio, and alternate text for images. For instance, an explainer video on KYC must include captions and ISL interpretation.

- 2.2. All circulars, notices, and investor documents published on the Digital Platforms of the RE's (website, mobile application, etc.) in PDF or other formats must follow accessible document standards—such as tagged PDFs, logical reading order, proper use of headings, and alt text. The RE shall follow the PDF techniques (<https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20-TECHS/pdf>) covered in WCAG 2.1 for the same. If a revised standard for accessibility of Text documents is published by W3C (World Wide Web Consortium, the owner of WCAG standards) the compliance to the venue standard should be ensured.

Section 3: Training and Awareness

- 3.1. Training modules that give detailed understanding on digital accessibility (website, mobile application, etc.) shall be part of all internal training programs for staff and third-party service providers who are developing and publishing content for dissemination via Digital Platforms. The Digital Platform shall be “*accessible by design*”. Trainings should emphasize on design wise digital accessibility. The trainings should cover behavioural training, assistive tools, and inclusive experience for normal as well as differently abled users.

Section 4: Registration and e-KYC

- 4.1. All REs shall ensure that digital KYC, e-KYC, and video KYC processes include alternatives to accommodate differently abled users/clients. For example, human-assisted video KYC, allowing scanned document uploads, or voice-assisted KYC for visually impaired users.
- 4.2. KYC and client registration forms shall include a mandatory field to indicate disability status and options to select specific provisions such as helpdesk call back for assistance. Any application of a client with disability shall be rejected by the REs only after a review by a designated human officer and the said officer shall be empowered to override automated rejections and approve applications on a case by case basis, thereby ensuring equitable access to services of the REs for persons with disabilities.

Section 5: Digital Accessibility Audits and Remediation

- 5.1. All REs shall initiate a comprehensive accessibility audit of their digital platforms including websites, mobile apps, portals through International Association of Accessibility Professionals (“IAAP”). The audit shall follow

the latest WCAG, GIGW guidelines and RPwD Act and rules made thereunder and also SEBI from time to time. The said accessibility audit shall include usability testing by persons with disabilities.

- 5.2. Based on the audit findings, REs shall prepare and implement a plan for remediation of audit observations.
- 5.3. Existing digital platforms must be upgraded to meet accessibility standards within the transition timeline.
- 5.4. All REs shall conduct annual accessibility audits of their digital platforms including websites, mobile apps, portals through IAAP certified accessibility professionals and reports shall be submitted as per the mechanism specified in direction 1.4 in Section 1 of this Annexure.

Section 6: Procurement and Technical Compliance

- 6.1. All newly developed/procured digital solutions shall conform to latest WCAG, IS17802, GIGW guidelines and the provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder. In case of Software as a Service ("SaaS")/ customised SaaS products, vendors must seek conformance with the accessibility guidelines by conducting audit of their product/service in accordance to WCAG 2.1 (or latest) accessibility guidelines. The responsibility to ensure the accessibility of a Digital Platform shall lie with the REs.
- 6.2. Accessibility requirements shall be part of all Request for Proposals ("RFPs") and procurement contracts of the REs and evaluation criteria of the REs shall assign due weightage to accessibility readiness.

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CIRCULAR

SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/121

August 29, 2025

To,

All Recognised Stock Exchanges

All Recognised Clearing Corporations

All Registered Depositories

All Registered Intermediaries

Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)

Association of Portfolio Managers in India (APMI)

BSE Limited (Investment Adviser Administration and supervisory body-IAASB)

BSE Limited (Research Analysts Administration and supervisory body-RAASB)

Sir/Madam,

Subject: **Extension of timelines and Update of reporting authority for IAs and RAs w.r.t. SEBI Circular for Compliance to Digital Accessibility Circular 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder- mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities' dated July 31, 2025 (Circular No. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111)**

1. SEBI issued circular on 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder-mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities' on July 31, 2025.
2. SEBI has received representations from Regulated Entities (REs) requesting an extension of timeline to submit their compliance against the provisions of the circular.
3. Based on the representations received, the following extensions are granted:

Table 1 : Compliance Requirements and Extension of Timelines

S/N	Compliance required	Timeline	Current Date	Extension Granted	New Date
1	REs shall submit a compliance/ action taken report pertaining to the clauses of this circular	Within 30 days	Aug 30, 2025	1 month	Sept 30, 2025
2	REs shall submit a list of digital platforms provided by them for the investors	Within 30 days	Aug 30, 2025	1 month	Sept 30, 2025
3	Appointment of IAAP certified accessibility professionals as Auditor.	Within 45 days	Sept 14, 2025	3 months	Dec 14, 2025
4	Conduct of Accessibility Audit for the digital platforms.	Within 3 months	Oct 31, 2025	6 months	April 30, 2026
5	Remediation of findings from the audit and ensuring compliance with this circular.	Within 6 months	Jan 31, 2025	6 months	July 31, 2026
6	Annually give compliance to conducting annual accessibility audits of all the digital platforms and submit final report of such audit to SEBI	Within 30 days of each Financial Year	April 30, 2026	To next Financial year	April 30, 2027

4. The reporting authority for IAs and RAs shall be modified from BASL and SEBI respectively to BSE Ltd. for both IAs and RAs. The updated reporting authorities for the compliance with Digital Accessibility circular shall be as follows:

Table 2: Compliance Reporting Authorities

S/N	Regulated Entity	Reporting Authority
1	Stock Brokers/ Depository Participants	Stock Exchanges / Depositories
2	Investment Advisor (“IAs”) and Research Analysts (“RAs”)	BSE Ltd.
3	MIIs and rest of the REs	SEBI

5. This circular is being issued in exercise of powers conferred under Section 11 (1) of the Securities and Exchange of India Act, 1992, to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market.
6. This circular is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.
7. This circular is available on SEBI website at www.sebi.gov.in under the category “Legal” and drop “Circulars”.

Yours faithfully,

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CIRCULAR

SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/131

September 25, 2025

To,

All Recognised Stock Exchanges

All Recognised Clearing Corporations

All Registered Depositories

All Registered Intermediaries

Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)

Association of Portfolio Managers in India (APMI)

BSE Limited (Investment Adviser Administration and supervisory body-IAASB)

BSE Limited (Research Analysts Administration and supervisory body-RAASB)

Sir/Madam,

Subject: **Compliance Guidelines for Digital Accessibility Circular 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder-mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities' dated July 31, 2025 (Circular No. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111)**

1. SEBI issued circular on 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder-mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities' on July 31, 2025.
2. The **Compliance Guidelines** are enclosed at **Annexure-A** of this circular.
3. This circular is being issued in exercise of powers conferred under Section 11 (1) of the Securities and Exchange of India Act, 1992, to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market.
4. This circular is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

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Annexure-A
Compliance Guidelines for Digital Accessibility
(For SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111)

These compliance guidelines are applicable to all the Regulated Entities (REs) that are required to directly submit the compliance of the said circular to SEBI

Part A: Summary of Compliance Requirements

Table A

S/N	Compliance required	Date of submission of compliance
1	REs shall submit a list of digital platforms provided by them for the investors (Table-C1)	Sept 30, 2025
2	Appointment of IAAP certified accessibility professionals as Auditor. (Table-C2)	Dec 14, 2025
3	Conduct of Accessibility Audit for the digital platforms. (Table-C3)	April 30, 2026
4	Remediation of findings from the audit and ensuring compliance with this circular. (Table-C4)	July 31, 2026
5	Annually give compliance to conducting annual accessibility audits of all the digital platforms and submit final report of such audit to SEBI	*April 30, 2027

**Annual compliance is to be submitted within 30 days of each Financial Year, effective April 30, 2027*

Part B: Mechanism of Submission of Compliance

(latest updated as per SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/121 dated August 29, 2025)

Table B

S/N	Regulated Entity	Reporting Authority
1	Stock Brokers/ Depository Participants	Stock Exchanges/Depositories
2	Investment Advisor ("IAs") and Research Analysts ("RAs")	BSE Ltd.
3	MIIs and rest of the REs	SEBI

This mechanism of compliance is applicable for all REs mentioned in row 3 of the table immediately above.

It may be noted that the submission to SEBI in this regards shall be through email on digital_acc@sebi.gov.in in the formats specified in Part C. For the REs having multiple Digital Platforms, the audit reports for the digital platforms shall be consolidated and submitted through email as per guidelines laid down in points 4 and 5 of Part C.

Illustration: An RE has listed 5 Digital Platforms. It should submit the consolidated initial audit reports of all the digital platforms by April 30, 2026 and consolidated final audit reports by July 31, 2026.

Part C: Formats for Compliance Submission

REs shall submit compliance to the respective reporting authorities in the formats mentioned below:

1. Format for Information about Digital Platforms of the RE.

Email Subject: *[RE Registration No.] Information About Digital Platforms of the RE.*

Email Body:

<i>Name of RE</i>	
<i>Category for which submission is made (from the list provided in Part D)</i>	

Table C1

S/N	Name of digital platform	URL	Purpose	Remarks on current accessibility status of the platform

(add or remove rows as applicable)

2. Format for Information about appointment of IAAP certified accessibility professionals as Auditor for digital platforms for REs.

Email Subject: *[RE Registration No.] Information about appointment of IAAP certified accessibility professionals as Auditor for digital platforms for REs.*

Email Body:

Name of RE	
Category for which submission is made (from the list provided in Part D)	

Table C2

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details to be filled by RE
1	Name of IAAP Certified Accessibility Professional	
2	Certification Details (IAAP ID/Certificate No.)	
3	Date of Appointment	
4	Scope of Audit (Websites, Mobile Apps, Portals, etc.) Note: Make sure to cover details of all digital platforms as applicable	
5	Is the SEBI circular notified to the appointed auditor for compliance verification (Yes/No)	
6	Contact Details of Auditor	

3. Format for Submission of Initial Accessibility audit report for digital platforms.

Email Subject: *[RE Registration No.] Submission of Initial Accessibility audit report for digital platforms*

Email Body:

Name of RE	
Category for which submission is made (from the list provided in Part D)	

Table C3

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details to be filled by RE
1	Name of IAAP Certified Accessibility Professional / Firm	
2	Date of Completion of Audit	
3	Digital Platforms Covered (Websites, Mobile Apps, Portals, etc.)	Terms of Reference and Scope of audit to be attached
4	Key Findings / Observations	Consolidated PDF copy of the report(s) to be attached. The consolidated audit report is to be attached under the file name [Department]_Table-C3_[SEBI Reg No.]_DDMMYYYY.pdf*
5	Action Plan / Timelines for Remediation	

**Here, Department will be the concerned department corresponding to the RE category in Part D. DDMMYYYY is the date of the report where DD is 2-digit date of month, MM is 2-digit month of year and YYYY is 4-digit year.*

4. Format for submission of final accessibility audit report for digital platforms.

Email Subject: [RE Registration No.] submission of final accessibility audit report for digital platforms

Email Body:

Name of RE	
Category for which submission is made (from the list provided in Part D)	

Table C4

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details to be filled by RE
1	Name of IAAP Certified Accessibility Professional / Firm	
2	Date of Completion of Final Audit	
3	Digital Platforms Covered (Websites, Mobile Apps, Portals, etc.)	Terms of reference and Scope of audit to be attached
4	Key Findings / Observations from Final Audit	Consolidated PDF copy of the report(s) to be attached. The consolidated audit report is to be attached under the file name [Department]_Table-C4_[SEBI Reg No.]_DDMMYYYY.pdf*
5	Remediation Measures Undertaken	
6	Status of Compliance (Fully Complied / Partially Complied / Pending)	
7	Supporting Evidence (Screenshots, URLs, Certificates, Reports)	

*Here, Department will be the “concerned department” corresponding to the RE category in Part D. DDMMYYYY is the date of the report where DD is 2-digit date of month, MM is 2-digit month of year and YYYY is 4-digit year.

Part D: List of REs submitting compliance directly to SEBI

Table D

S/N	REs submitting compliance directly to SEBI	Concerned Departments
1	Alternative Investment Funds(AIFs)	AFD
2	Bankers to an Issue (BTI) and Self Certified Syndicate Banks (SCSBs)	CFD
3	Clearing Corporations	MRD
4	Collective Investment Schemes(CIS)	IMD
5	Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs)	DDHS
6	Custodians	AFD
7	Debenture Trustees (DTs)	DDHS
8	Depositories	MRD
9	KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs)	MIRSD
10	Merchant Bankers (MBs)	CFD
11	Mutual Funds (MFs)/ Asset Management Companies (AMCs)	IMD
12	Portfolio Managers	IMD
13	Registrar to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents (RTAs)	MIRSD
14	Stock Exchanges	MRD
15	Venture Capital Funds (VCFs)	AFD

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CIRCULAR

HO/13/19/13(2)2025-ITD-1_VIAP/I/187/2025

December 08, 2025

To,

All Recognised Stock Exchanges

All Recognised Clearing Corporations

All Registered Depositories

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BSE Limited (Investment Adviser Administration and supervisory body-IAASB)

BSE Limited (Research Analysts Administration and supervisory body-RAASB)

Reference:

S/N	Circular No.	Issue Date
1	SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/ 2025/111	July 31, 2025
2	SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/121	August 29, 2025
3	SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/131	September 25, 2025

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Clarification on the Digital Accessibility circulars of SEBI

1. Clarification is hereby issued on the above referenced SEBI circulars on Digital accessibility requirements in Digital Platforms of Regulated Entities(REs).
2. The “**Investors’ Right to have digital accessibility**” will be included in the respective Investor Charters applicable to various REs, published by SEBI.
3. REs are required to carry out the following compliance:
 - a. Instead of meeting the compliance requirement for appointment of accessibility auditor by December 14, 2025, REs shall submit a status of their readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements for

each of their digital platforms latest by **March 31, 2026** to the specified reporting authorities (refer **Annexure A**). The REs reporting to SEBI shall share the status on the email id digital_acc@sebi.gov.in.

- b. REs may refer to **Annexure B** for format of submitting a status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements for each of their investor facing digital platforms.
 - c. Any investor facing accessibility related issues on digital platforms of REs, shall be able to lodge accessibility related complaints against REs on SCORES. A complaint category related to “Accessibility” is already provisioned in SCORES. In response to the accessibility related complaint, the RE shall remediate the accessibility related issue for the closure of the complaint.
 - d. All REs shall conduct periodic accessibility audits of their digital platforms including websites, mobile apps and portals through certified accessibility professionals
4. This circular is being issued in exercise of powers conferred under Section 11 (1) of the Securities and Exchange of India Act, 1992, to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market.
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Annexure A

Specified reporting authorities

Table 1: Specified reporting authorities for REs

S/N	Regulated Entity	Reporting Authority
1	Stock Brokers/ Depository Participants	Stock Exchanges/Depositories
2	Investment Advisor (“IAs”) and Research Analysts (“RAs”)	BSE Ltd.
3	MIIs and rest of the REs	SEBI

Table 2: List of REs submitting compliance directly to SEBI

S/N	REs submitting compliance directly to SEBI	Concerned Departments
1	Alternative Investment Funds(AIFs)	AFD
2	Bankers to an Issue (BTI) and Self Certified Syndicate Banks (SCSBs)	CFD
3	Clearing Corporations	MRD
4	Collective Investment Schemes(CIS)	IMD
5	Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs)	DDHS
6	Custodians	AFD
7	Debenture Trustees (DTs)	DDHS
8	Depositories	MRD
9	KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs)	MIRSD
10	Merchant Bankers (MBs)	CFD
11	Mutual Funds (MFs)/ Asset Management Companies (AMCs)	IMD
12	Portfolio Managers	IMD
13	Registrar to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents (RTAs)	MIRSD
14	Stock Exchanges	MRD
15	Venture Capital Funds (VCFs)	AFD

Annexure B

Format of submitting a status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements for digital platforms – Applicable to all REs.

Subject: *[RE Registration No.]-[RE name]-[RE category] -Submission of status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements for digital platforms*

Body:

Table 1: Digital platform wise accessibility

Sl. No.	URL of digital platform	Is minimum level of accessibility at AA level as per latest WCAG guidelines (Yes / No)	Remarks on Status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements
1			
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Annexure E Manual for Submission

Submission through: <https://auditweb.cdslindia.com>

1. Log in with **DP login** credentials.
2. Select the Audit Type '**FINAL DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT REPORT**'.
3. Select appropriate '**Audit Month – July-2026**' and select **DP**.
4. Click on **Confirm**.

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Select Audit Type: FINAL DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT REPORT

Select Audit Month: July-2026

Select DP / RTA: --Select--

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5. Once the DP clicks the **Confirm** button, the “Final Digital Accessibility Audit Report” screen will appear as under:-

FINAL DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT REPORT

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Action	DP_ID	URL of digital platform	Is minimum level of accessibility as AA level as per latest WCAG guidelines (Yes / No)	Remarks on Status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements	Supporting document	Name of Certified Accessibility Professional / Firm	Date of Completion of Audit	Is the list of Digital Platforms covered in the Audit same as the list of Digital Platforms declared to CDSEI against the deadline of 30th September 2023 (Reference: SEBI Circular dated 29th August 2023)	Deviation Reason	Key Findings / Signed Report	Action Plan / Timelines for Remediation	Date of Completion of Final Audit	Key Findings / Observations from Final Audit	Remarks
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Test	1242	Test	No	Test	10	Yes	15-06-2024	No	Test	10	Test	15-06-2024		ok
Test	1243	Test	No	Test			15-06-2024	No	Test	8	Test	15-06-2024		ok

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- Click the **Edit** button for each digital platform to provide the requisite information i.e Remediation Measures Undertaken, Status of Compliance (Fully Complied / Partially Complied / Pending) and Supporting Evidence (Screenshots, URLs, Certificates, Reports).

FINAL DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT REPORT

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Date of Completion of Audit	Is the list of Digital Platforms covered in the Audit same as the list of Digital Platforms declared to CDSL against the deadline of 30th September 2025 (Reference: SEBI Circular dated 29th August 2025)	Deviation Reason	Key Findings / Signed Report	Action Plan / Timelines for Remediation.	Date of Completion of Final Audit	Key Findings / Observations from Final Audit	Remediation Measures Undertaken	Status of Compliance as per SEBI guidelines	Supporting Evidence Subtext: Please provide the corresponding screenshots, URLs, Certificates, Reports, etc. in PDF format for all Digital Platforms
15-May-2025	No	Test	Choose File / No Load Follow - Copy	Test	23-Jun-2025	Choose File / No Load	completed	Fully Complied	Choose File / No Load
15-05-2025	No	Test	10	Test	22-06-2025		ok	Partially Complied	
15-05-2025	No	Test	9	Test	22-06-2025		ok	Pending	

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Edit	██████	Test	No	9	



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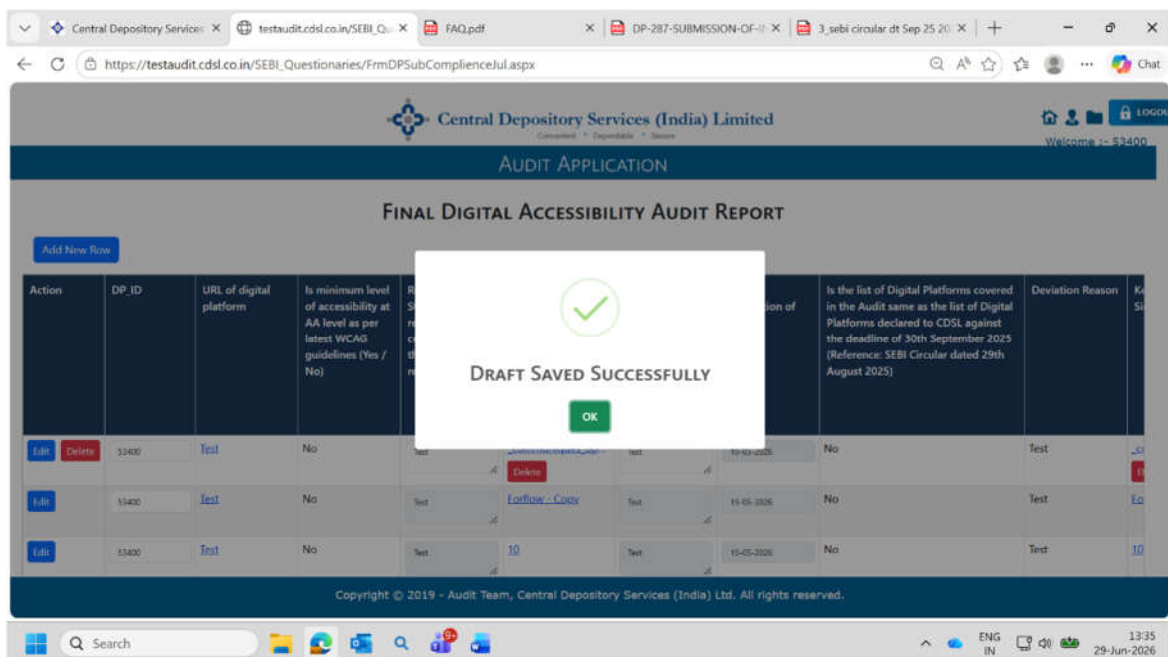
Action	DP_ID	URL of digital platform	Is minimum level of accessibility at AA level as per latest WCAG guidelines (Yes / No)	Remarks on Status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements	Supporting document	Name of Certified Accessibility Professional / Firm	Date of Completion of Audit	Is the list of Digital Platforms covered in the Audit same as the list of Digital Platforms declared to CDSL against the deadline of 30th September 2025 (Reference: SEBI Circular dated 29th August 2025)	Deviation Reason	Key Sign
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Please note that spacing is not allowed under - URL of Digital Platform tab. In case of Mobile Applications, DPs are advised to enter the name of the Mobile Application in the above-mentioned tab.

If any modifications are required in the newly updated row, the DP may **edit or delete** the entire row.

9. Once the required information is updated, click **Save** before submitting to CDSL.



10. The DP should click **Submit** to complete the submission process.

- Once submitted, DP will get a confirmation message “Data Submitted Successfully”.
- Please note that once the DP clicks the **Submit** button, the DP will no longer be able to submit any information or details for that scheduled month.