Ombudsman Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies, 2018 : Salient Features

Scheme covers customers of

NBFCs with assets size >= Rs. 100 crore + customer interface

(Excluding: Infrastructure Finance Companies, Core Investment Companies, Infrastructure Debt Fund and NBFCs under liquidation)

Grounds for filing a complaint by a customer:

- Not conveyed the amount of loan sanctioned, terms & conditions, annualised rate of interest, etc.
- Notice not provided for changes in agreement, levy of charges
- Failure to ensure transparency in contract/loan agreement
- Failure/ Delay in releasing securities/ documents
- Failure to provide legally enforceable built-in repossession in contract/ loan agreement
- RBI directives not followed by NBFC
- Guidelines on Fair Practices Code not followed

How can a customer file complaint?



How does Ombudsman take decision?

- Proceedings before Ombudsman are summary in nature
- Promotes settlement through conciliation \rightarrow If not reached, can issue Award/Order

Can a customer appeal, if not satisfied with decision of Ombudsman?

Yes, If Ombudsman's decision is appealable → Appellate Authority: Deputy Governor, RBI

Note:

- This is an Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanism
- Customer is at liberty to approach any other court/forum/authority for the redressal at any stage

Refer to <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> for further details of the Scheme

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