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



Grounds for filing a complaint by a customer:

- Interest/Deposit not paid OR paid with delay;
- Cheque not presented OR done with delay;
- Not conveyed the amount of loan sanctioned, terms & conditions, annualized rate of interest, etc.;
- Failure/refusal to provide sanction letter in vernacular language;
- 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 a customer can file a complaint?

Written complaint to the Company At the end of one month If the Company has not replied or customer remain dissatisfied with the reply of Company If customer has not approached any forum/court File a complaint with NBFC Ombudsman (not later than one year after the reply from the Company)

How does Ombudsman take decision?

- Proceedings before Ombudsman are in the nature of Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanism.
- Ombudsman promotes the settlement of the complaint by mutual agreement between the complainant and the Company through conciliation or mediation.
- If not, pass an Award either allowing or rejecting the complaint along with reasons for passing such Award.

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

Yes, Ombudsman's decision is appealable \rightarrow Appellate Authority: Deputy Governor, RBI

- 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

Address and Area of Operation of NBFC Ombudsman			
SN	Centre	Centre Address of the Office of NBFC Ombudsman	Area of Operation
1.	Chennai	C/o Reserve Bank of India Fort Glacis, Chennai 600 001 STD Code: 044 Tel No. 25395964 Fax No. 25395488	Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Union Territory of Lakshadweep and Union Territory of Puducherry
2.	Mumbai	C/o Reserve Bank of India, RBI Byculla Office Building, Opp. Mumbai Central Railway Station, Byculla, Mumbai-400 008	Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu
3.	New Delhi	C/o Reserve Bank of India Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001 STD Code: 011 Tel. No. 23724856 Fax No. 23725218-19	Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Punjab, Union Territory of Chandigarh Himachal Pradesh, and Rajasthan and State of Jammu and Kashmir
4.	Kolkata	C/o Reserve Bank of India 15, Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700001 STD Code: 033 Tel. No. 22304982 Fax No. 22305899	West Bengal, Sikkim, Odisha, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Bihar and Jharkhand