



NSEL Investors Forum

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NSEL Investors Forum (NIF) foresees sigh of relief for NSEL Investors through a historical One-Time Settlement.

NSEL Investors Forum (NIF) with its relentless efforts have acted as catalyst for NSEL Investors who have been waiting for resolution in the NSEL Payments Crisis of 2013.

The NSEL crisis in August 2013 due to default by 24 defaulters on NSEL Exchange left thousands of investors waiting for the recovery of their dues. Since then, over 7000 investors with claims up to Rs. 10 lakhs have been fully paid. This would not have been possible without the assistance of 63 moons who in 2013 paid around Rs. 179 Crores for providing immediate relief to smaller investors. The State of Maharashtra too ensured that the smaller investors are paid on priority.

As of 2024, despite multiple legal proceedings and Government interventions, the recovery from the Defaulters have not been encouraging for around 5600 investors having claims above Rs. 10 lakhs who had received around 7% over a period of 10 years.

To bring closure, Committee members of NIF initiated discussions with NSEL & 63 moons for a possible One-Time Settlement (OTS) for the benefit of investors who have been waiting for over 11 years for their dues. It was after a series of discussions for over a year that a Settlement amount of Rs. 1950 crores was finalised.

Under the terms of the agreement, 63 moons will make a one-time payment of Rs. 1,950 crore as a Full and Final Settlement to the investors and the investors in turn will assign their claims against Defaulters and others in favour of 63 moons. This Settlement will be win-win for both parties as investors are certain to get their monies albeit haircut and 63 moons group will be free from legal proceedings.

Majority of the investors in number and value have voted in favour of the Settlement which shows that the investors have preference towards peace and settlement than fight legally with no certainty.

A formal Settlement by way of Scheme of Arrangement has been worked out between the parties and their legal advisors and has been filed with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Mumbai. This marks a major breakthrough in securing financial justice for investors who have endured a decade-long wait for their dues. To ensure interest of investors are protected, an Escrow Agent and Monitoring Authority will be appointed to oversee the disbursement of funds to investors.

Shri. Sharad Saraf, Chairman of NIF, expressed confidence in the settlement, stating:

"This historic settlement is a turning point for all investors. It offers a concrete and fair resolution after years of legal battles and uncertainty. We appreciate the cooperation of NSEL and 63 moons in making this possible, and we are hopeful that this will set a precedent for resolving similar disputes across India."

NIF remains committed to ensuring that the execution of this settlement is smooth, transparent, and completed within the promised timeline. The Scheme, backed by overwhelming investor support, provides a transparent and structured approach to resolving claims, making it the first of its kind in India's financial markets.