Ombudsman Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies, 2018 : <u>Salient Features</u>

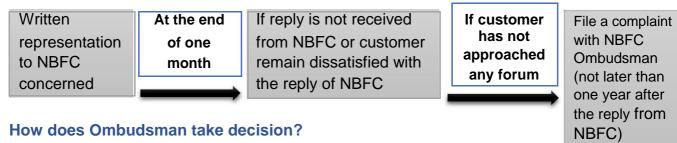
All deposit taking NBFCs

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:

- Interest/Deposit not paid OR paid with delay
- Cheque not presented OR done with delay
- 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?



- Proceedings before Ombudsman are summary in nature
- Promotes settlement through conciliation → 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 www.rbi.org.in for further details of the Scheme