

**F.No. 10/3/2010- BOA
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services**

New Delhi, dated 18th January, 2013

To

**Chairman, State Bank of India
CMDs of Nationalized Banks and IDBI Bank Ltd.**

Sub: Declaration of dividend by the Public Sector Banks for the year 2012-13.

Sir,

As per the extant guidelines of the Government, the banks are required to pay a minimum dividend of 20% of their equity (i.e. paid up capital) or 20% of their post-tax profits, whichever is higher. In case, any Bank decides to pay interim dividend, the total dividend to be paid by the bank based on the annual results should be as per the above guidelines. Further, any relaxation from the provisions of these instructions requires specific prior permission of the Government at the earliest. These guidelines are being reiterated for declaring the dividend for the year 2012-13.

Yours faithfully,

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