

# **MONTHLY LEGAL ROUNDUP**

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# A. CORPORATE LAWS

### 1. Revised overseas investment regime in India

On 22 August 2022, the Ministry of Finance has notified a new framework for overseas investments by Indian investors. The new framework is aimed at liberalizing compliance and approval requirements in order to provide greater access to Indian investors to markets outside India. In this update, we have covered in brief, key concepts and changes with respect to overseas investment rules in India.

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### 2. SEBI – Relaxations for overseas investments by AIFs and VCFs

The Securities and Exchange Board of India vide a circular dated 17 August 2022, has prescribed revised guidelines on overseas investments by AIFs and VCFs. In this short update, we take a look at the key terms of the circular.

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# B. INSOLVENCY LAWS

### 1. Commercial wisdom of the liquidator upheld by the Supreme Court

Recently, the Supreme Court in *R.K. Industries v. H.R. Commercials* has clarified that the commercial wisdom of the liquidator is subject to limited judicial review by the insolvency courts. The Supreme Court has thus, empowered the liquidators to decide on the mode of sale of the assets of the corporate debtor in order to maximize the value of the assets. In this article, we analyze in brief, the said judgment of the Supreme Court.

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### 2. Re-presentation of appeal is not fresh filing

In the recent judgment of *V.R. Ashok Rao and Others v. TDT Copper Limited*, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (**NCLAT**) has held that re-presentation of an appeal after curing of defects is not 'fresh filing' but mere 're-filing'. Vide this order, the NCLAT has overruled its previous position and clarified that the time taken for curing defects and 're-filing' of an appeal cannot be included in the limitation period provided under an act for 'filing' of the appeal. In this insolvency update, we discuss the divergent views of the NCLATs and the present judgement.

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# C. DISPUTES

### 1. Power of arbitral tribunal to modify its interim orders

In Airports Authority of India v. TDI International Limited, the Delhi High Court has upheld the power of an arbitral tribunal to modify its interim order considering the change in circumstances. In the present article, we share our thoughts on the decision of the Delhi High Court.

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### 2. Demystifying arbitral tribunal's power to make changes to the arbitral award

In this article, we discuss the scope of correction, interpretation, and passing additional awards available with the arbitral tribunal once an award has already been rendered under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The authors discuss the provision, its amplitude, and its co-relationship with the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 in accordance with the precedents laid down by the Indian courts.

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