

Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. - Dividend Distribution Policy

The Company has already laid down the Dividend Distribution Guidelines ('Dividend Guidelines') which were approved by the Board of Directors of the Company ('Board') on 30th October, 2014. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has amended the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations') under which the Company is required to formulate a dividend distribution policy.

Pursuant to the aforesaid change in the Listing Regulations, the Board has approved this Dividend Distribution Policy ('Policy') of the Company on March 23, 2017.

The Company shall declare and pay dividend in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2013, rules made thereunder and Listing Regulations as amended from time to time.

Following points shall be considered while declaring dividend:

- Consistency with the Dividend Guidelines as laid out by the Board
- Sustainability of dividend payout ratio in future
- Dividend payout ratio of previous years
- Macroeconomic factors and business conditions

Retained earnings are intended to be utilized for:

- Investments for future growth of the business
- Dealing with any possible downturns in the business
- Strategic investment in new business opportunities

The Company currently has only one class of shares i.e. equity shares. As and when it proposes to issue any other class of shares, the policy shall be modified accordingly.

Dividend guidelines

Background: Many shareholders have opined that the company should provide a dividend policy in the interest of providing greater transparency to the shareholders.

The Board, at the time of approving the annual accounts in each year, also decides the dividend to be paid to the shareholders depending on the context of business in that year. A policy stated by the current Board cannot be binding on future Board. However, the current Board can form a guideline on dividend payout in future in the interest of providing transparency to shareholders.

Board approval

The Board accordingly approved the following guidelines for dividend payment:

The Company would endeavour to keep the Dividend payout ratio, except for reasons to be recorded, within the range of 18% to 40%. The actual dividend for each year would be decided by the Board taking into account the availability of cash, the profit level that year and the requirements of capital investments.