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Guidance Handbook on voluntary implementation of non-legislative recommendations of the FSLRC

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1. The Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC), chaired by retired Supreme Court Justice Shri B N Srikrishna, submitted its Report to the Government on March 22, 2013 that contains various recommendations, legislative and non-legislative. The report in English and Hindi is available on the DEA website. There are a number of recommendations in the Report which are in THE nature of governance enhancing and do not require legislative changes. It has been decided that in the first instance financial sector Regulators may voluntarily adopt the governance enhancing recommendations within a reasonably proximate timeframe.

2. With a view to facilitating the task of regulators and help developing a uniform rationale based understanding about the non-legislative governance enhancing principles, a detailed 'Guidance Handbook' has been prepared which essentially includes governance enhancing provisions/recommendations, their rationale, suitable examples of global good governance practices and guidance on implementation. These recommendations encompass issues relating to consumer protection, consumer protection for retail customers, timeline for regulations on consumer protection, requirements for framing regulations, notices to regulated entities, transparency, transparency in Board meetings, reporting, approvals, investigation, adjudication, imposition of penalty and capacity building.

3. The 'Handbook' has been circulated to the financial sector regulators and the same was put in public domain on <http://www.finmin.nic.in> website for the information of public at large.
