

**PRESS COMMUNIQUE**  
**Sovereign Gold Bonds, 2016-17 Series II**

Government of India in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, had notified the issuance of Sovereign Gold Bonds, 2016-17 Series II vide Notification F.No.4(7)-W&M/2016 dated August 29, 2016. The tranche was open for subscription from September 01, 2016 to September 09, 2016. The bonds were to be issued on September 23, 2016.

2. Large number of applications have been received by banks and post offices. To enable smooth uploading of applications into RBI's E- Kuber system, particularly by the post offices, it has since been decided to shift the issue date of the Sovereign Gold Bond from September 23, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

3. All other terms and conditions of the above Notification remain unchanged.

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