

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCES- Weekly SDL

Changes in borrowing permission guidelines contributing to lower-thanindicated SDL issuance in Q1 FY2023

May 17, 2022



Highlights





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Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan raised Rs. 85 billion SDLs, around 50% lower than indicated

Lower-than-indicated SDL issuance in ongoing quarter has possibly been led by change in borrowing permission guidelines by the Gol

Weighted average cut-off SDLs eased by ~9 bps to 7.59% today, with decrease in tenor

Spread between 10-year SDL and G-sec yield stood narrowed to 33 bps today from 46 bps last week Three state governments raised Rs. 85 billion through state development loans (SDLs) on May 17, 2022, half of the Rs. 171 billion indicated for this week. In the Q1 FY2023 auction calendar, 11 states that had indicated they would borrow Rs. 141 billion in today's auction, did not end up participating. In contrast, Andhra Pradesh borrowed today even though it had not indicated it would participate this week, while Maharashtra (by Rs. 25 billion) and Rajasthan (by Rs. 10 billion) issued more SDLs than the amount mentioned in the auction calendar. In terms of tenor, Rs. 75 billion (~88% of the issuance) was raised in the shorter tenor SDLs today's auction while Rajasthan borrowed Rs. 10 billion (~12%) in the 10-year bucket.

Overall, five state governments have raised Rs. 309 billion SDLs during Apr-May 17, 2022, nearly 36% lower than Rs. 472 billion SDLs issued by 13 states/Union Territory in the same period last year. The lower-thanindicated SDL issuance (Rs. 309 billion vs. Rs. 937 billion) in the ongoing quarter seems to be partly led by the change in guidelines by the Government of India (Gol) related to the approval of the borrowing permission granted to the states at the beginning of the fiscal. It is possible that many of the states, which have not raised SDL borrowings in FY2023 till date, are either yet to submit the required information to the Gol, and/or are awaiting the sanction of the borrowing permission. The change in guidelines related to permission of market borrowing in FY2023 includes disclosure by the states of the off-budget borrowings undertaken by them in recent prior years, and over-utilization against the borrowing limit of the previous years. While each state's borrowing limit in FY2023 would be adjusted downward on account of the aforementioned items, few items would lead to an upward adjustment in such borrowings. These include carry-forward of the unutilised borrowing of previous years, pension funding related, and additional borrowing linked to the completion of power sector reforms.

The weighted average cut-off of SDLs declined to 7.59% today from 7.69% last week, with the dip in the weighted average tenor to 7 year from 11 year during the same period. The benchmark 10-year Government of India security (G-sec; 6:54 GS 2032) yield rose by ~6 basis points (bps) to 7.37% from 7.30% last Tuesday, following the higher-than-expected CPI print for April 2022, which has increased the likelihood of rate hikes by the RBI during the ongoing fiscal. With the cut-off of the 10-year Rajasthan SDL at 7.70% today, the spread between with the 10-year G-sec declined to 33 bps today from 46 bps last Tuesday.

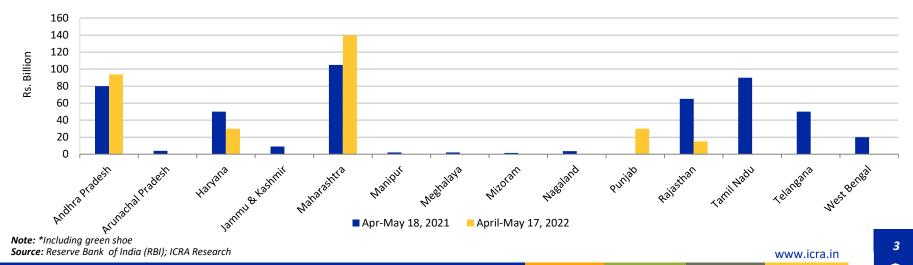
SDL issuance has declined by a sharp ~36% in FY2023 so far on a YoY basis, with nine states/UT not participating in the auctions conducted so far



Exhibit: SDL issuances during FY2023 (so far)

Amount in Rs. Billion	Indicated	Notified*	Raised	Cumulative till this week
Week of May 17, 2022	171	85	85	309
Week of May 18, 2021	108	110	110	482
Growth	58.3%	-22.7%	-22.7%	-35.9%

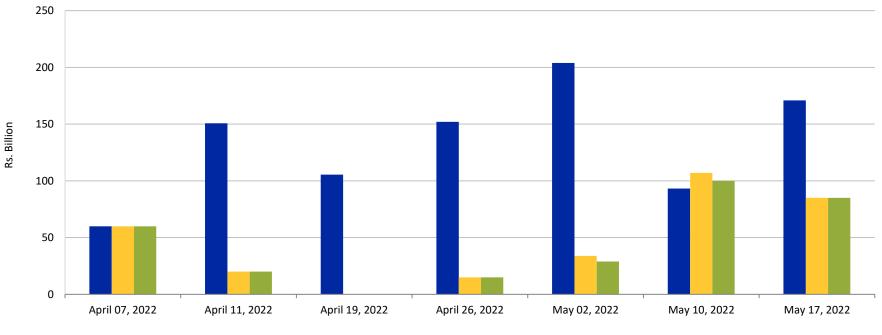
Exhibit: Cumulative SDL issuance during April-May 17, 2022 and year-ago level



SDL issuance today was nearly half of the indicated amount for this week



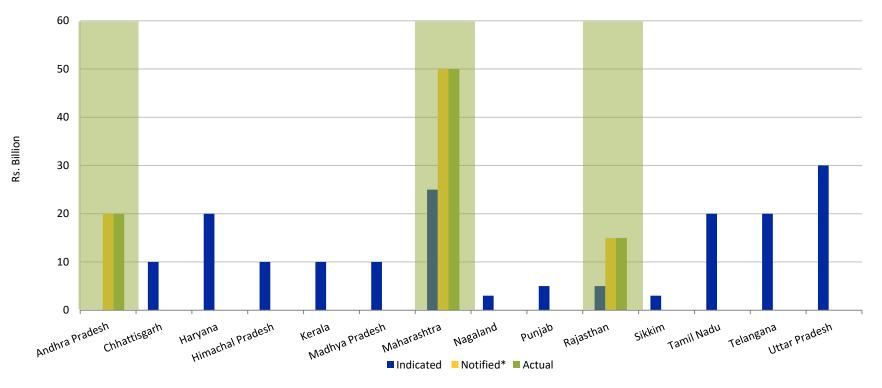
Exhibit: Indicated, notified and actual SDL issuances in Q1 FY2023 (so far)



Indicated Notified* Actual

11 states that had earlier indicated they would borrow Rs. 141 billion SDLs did not participate in today's auction

Exhibit: State-wise indicated, notified and actual SDL issuance on May 17, 2022



Note: *Including green shoe **Source:** RBI; ICRA Research R

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Exhibit: Tenor-wise SDL issuance and cut-offs on May 17, 2022

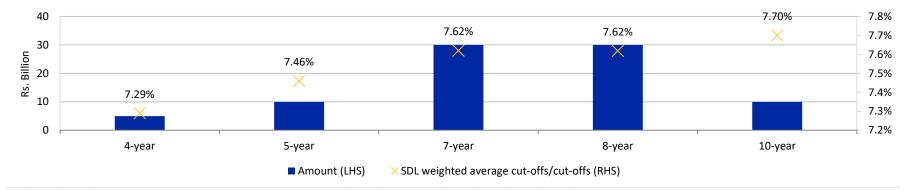
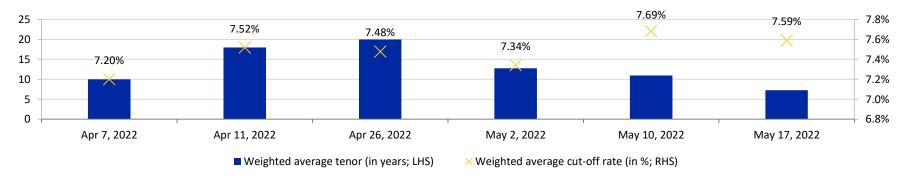


Exhibit: Weighted average cut-off and tenor of SDLs during April-May 17, 2022



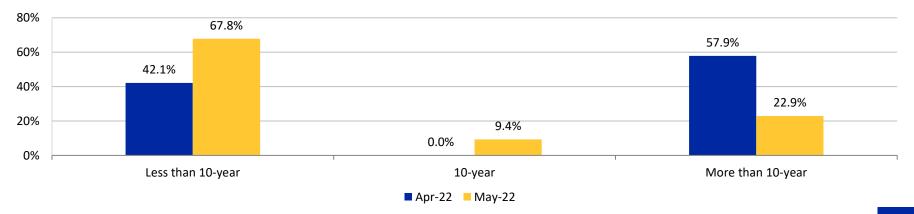
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Exhibit: 10-year SDL and G-sec cut-offs

	Apr 11, 2022	Apr 26, 2022	May 2, 2022	May 10, 2022	May 17, 2022
Andhra Pradesh				7.76%	
Rajasthan					7.70%
Weighted Average 10-year SDL cut-offs (A)		NA		7.76%	7.70%
Minimum 10-year SDL cut-off		NA		7.76%	7.70%
Maximum 10-year SDL cut-off		NA		7.76%	7.70%
10-year G-sec closing yield (B)	7.15%	7.05%	7.12%	7.30%	7.37%
Spread (A-B)				46 bps	33 bps

Exhibit: Classification of SDL issuance in FY2023 (so far)







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