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1. INTERIM DIVIDEND AND FINAL DIVIDEND

Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
1. Declared during the FY or after FY but before AGM	Declared at the AGM
2. Declared by Board	Recommended by Board and Declared by members
3. Declared before finalization of accounts	<i>Even with the consent of all members also a Co cannot declare dividend higher than the rate recommended by Board (Reg-80 of Table-F)</i>
4. It cannot be revoked	Declared after finalization of accounts
5. Only profit and loss account can be used. Reserves (even free reserves) cannot be used.	It can be revoked before declaration
<i>In case of loss during the current year up to the quarter preceding the date of declaration, Then the rate of dividend should not exceed the average rate during the 3 PFY's.</i>	In the absence of inadequate or no profits during a year, ID can be declared using (a) profit and loss account or (b) free reserves (subject to certain conditions given in rules)

2. SOURCES FOR DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND

Current Year Profits	Previous Year Profits		
1. Depreciation should have been provided.	1. Depreciation should have been provided in the previous year.		
2. Such depreciation should have been calculated as per Schedule-II.	2. Profits remained undistributed.		
3. Carried over previous losses shall be set off.	Profits lying in P&L A/c itself	Profits transferred to Free Reserves	Profits transferred to other reserves
4. Carried over depreciation shall be set off against.	Dividend can be declared without any restrictions	Dividend can be declared subject to conditions 1. Max 3 years Avg rate (Not applicable if div not declared in all the 3 years). 2. Withdrawal – Max.10% of PSC+FR. 3. Balance Reserves – 15% of PSC (Not applicable to wholly owned Govt Co)	Dividend cannot be declared.
5. Notional profits and fair value impact shall be excluded.			
6. Capital profits shall be excluded.			
Transfer to reserves before declaration of dividend:			
a) Whether to transfer or not: Company Choice.			
b) How much to transfer: Company Choice?			
c) Whether dividend can be declared without transfer to reserves: Yes			