

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) have completed scrapped the Rule restraining the presentation of approval of the annual financial statements, approval of the Board's report etc. via video conferencing.

The government has notified The Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Amendment Rules, 2021 which seeks to amend the Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014 w.e.f 15th June 2021 wherein Rule 4 has been omitted in its entirety.

Rule 4 is in respect of matters not to be dealt with in a meeting through video conferencing or other audio-visual means namely:

- (i) The approval of the annual financial statements
- (ii) The approval of the Boards report
- (iii) The approval of the Prospectus
- (iv) The Audit Committee Meetings for consideration of financial statements including financial statement if any, to be approve by the Board under sub-section (1) of Section 134 of the Companies Act, 2013; and
- (v) The approval of the matter relating to amalgamation merger, demerger, acquisition and takeover.

However, if there is a quorum in a meeting through the physical presence of Directors, any other director may participate in the above-restricted matters through video conferencing or other audio-visual means in such meetings.

The Government after deleting Rule 4 will enable the aforementioned items via video conferencing or other audio-visual means in times where most of the work has shifted to online in this Covid-19 era.

The notification can be accessed here: [The Companies \(Meetings of Board and its Powers\) Rules, 2014](#)