

Sovereign gold bonds thru SBI

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All branches of State Bank of India have started accepting applications for the Sovereign Gold Bonds 2016-17-Series III being issued by the RBI from October 24 and open up to November 2.

Minimum investment amount is the rupee equivalent of one gram of gold and the maximum 500 grams in a financial year, an SBI spokesman said here. The rate of interest on the investment will be 2.5 per cent (fixed) on nominal value, payable half-yearly.

The period of the bond will be eight years with exit option available from the fifth year onwards. Bonds can be held as collateral for loans and shall be eligible for trading from such date as may be notified by the RBI.

It offers as an alternate to holding physical gold without any annual expenses and the interest earned will directly get credited into bank account.

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