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Shriram Finance Limited: Rating reaffirmed for assignee payouts issued under a vehicle loan securitisation transaction and withdrawn for another transaction

Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Initial Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Amount O/s after Last Surveillance (Rs. crore)	Current Outstanding Amount after June 2024 Payout (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Bank of India - PCG MAR-2020	Assignee Payouts	234.76	25.46	12.11	[ICRA]AA+(SO); Reaffirmed
IB PCG STFC Sep 2020	Assignee Payouts	500.00	20.48	0.00	[ICRA]AA+(SO); Withdrawn

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

The assignee payouts are backed by vehicle loan receivables originated by Shriram Finance Limited {SFL/Originator; rated [ICRA]AA+ (Stable)}. The rating for Bank of India – PCG MAR-2020 has been reaffirmed on account of the high amortisation in the pool, which has led to the credit collateral (CC) covering the balance assignee payouts to be done to the investor. ICRA has also withdrawn the rating for IB PCG STFC Sep 2020 as all the payouts to the investor have been made and no further payment is due. The pool performance summary, transaction structure, key rating drivers, details of key counterparties, liquidity position, and rating sensitivities have not been captured as the rating assigned to the instrument has been withdrawn. The previous detailed rating rationale is available at this [link](#).

Pool performance summary

Parameter	Bank of India – PCG MAR-2020
Payout month	June 2024
Months post securitisation	51
Assignee amortisation (as % of initial assignee payout principal)	94.8%
Cumulative collection efficiency ¹	110.9%
Cumulative prepayment rate	49.3%
Average monthly prepayment rate	1.3%
Loss-cum-90+ dpd ² (% of initial pool)	0.7%
Loss-cum-180+ dpd ³ (% of initial pool)	0.7%
Cumulative CC utilisation	0.00%
CC ⁴ (% of balance pool)	116.31%

Transaction structure

As per the transaction structure, the monthly cash flow schedule comprises the promised interest payout. The principal is expected to be paid on a monthly basis (100% of the pool principal billed) but is promised on the final maturity date. Any surplus excess interest spread (EIS), after meeting the promised and expected payouts, will flow back to the Originator on a monthly basis. Any prepayment in the pool would be used for the prepayment of the assignee payout principal.

¹ Cumulative collections till date (including advance collections) / (Cumulative billings till date + Opening overdues)

² Inclusive of unbilled and overdue principal portion of contracts delinquent for more than 90 days, as a % of Initial pool principal

³ Inclusive of unbilled and overdue principal portion of contracts delinquent for more than 180 days, as a % of Initial pool principal

⁴ CC is available in the form of unconditional and irrevocable guarantee from SFL

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Track record of originator – The Originator, which is also servicing the loans in the transaction, has a well-established track record of more than four decades in the preowned commercial vehicle financing business. It also has adequate underwriting policies and collection procedures.

Significant credit enhancement available in the structure – The rating factors in the build-up in the credit enhancement, with the CC covering the entire balance assignee payouts, on account of the significant amortisation of the pool after the June 2024 payout month.

Healthy pool performance – The performance of the pool has been healthy with a cumulative collection efficiency (including advances) of more than ~100% till the June 2024 payout month. This has led to low delinquencies in the harder bucket with the loss-cum-90+ days past due (dpd; as percentage of initial pool principal) below 1.0%. Further, there have been no instances of CC utilisation for the pool till date owing to the strong collection performance and the presence of EIS in the transaction.

Credit challenges

Not applicable

Key rating assumptions

ICRA’s cash flow modelling for rating securitisation transactions involves the simulation of potential losses, delinquencies and prepayments in the pool. The losses and prepayments are assumed to follow a log-normal distribution. The assumptions for the losses and the coefficient of variation are considered on the basis of the values observed from the analysis of the past performance of the Originator’s loan portfolio as well as the characteristics of the specific pool being evaluated. The resulting collections from the pool, after incorporating the impact of the losses and prepayments, are accounted for in ICRA’s cash flow model, in accordance with the cash flow waterfall of the transaction.

Details of key counterparties

The key counterparties in the rated transaction are as follows:

Transaction Name	Bank of India – PCG MAR-2020
Originator	Shriram Finance Limited
Servicer	Shriram Finance Limited
Trustee	Catalyst Trusteeship Limited
Credit collateral provider	Shriram Finance Limited
Collection and payout account bank	Bank of India

Liquidity position: Superior

The CC available covers the future assignee payouts.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – The rating can be upgraded on an improvement in SFL’s credit profile since the collateral is in the form of a guarantee from SFL.

Negative factors – The rating could be downgraded on a deterioration in SFL’s credit profile.

Analytical approach

The rating action is based on the performance of the pool till June 2024 (payout month), the present delinquency levels and the credit enhancement available in the pool, and the performance expected over the balance tenure of the pool.

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Rating Methodology for Securitisation Transactions ICRA's Policy on Withdrawal of Credit Ratings
Parent/Group support	Not applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	Not applicable

About the originator

Shriram Finance Limited [SFL; erstwhile Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited (STFC)], incorporated in 1979, is a part of the Shriram Group of companies and an upper layer non-banking financial company. Based on the National Company Law Tribunal order dated November 14, 2022, the operations of Shriram City Union Finance Limited (SCUF) and Shriram Capital Limited (SCL) were merged with STFC, which was rechristened Shriram Finance Limited on November 30, 2022.

SFL enjoys a leadership position in preowned commercial vehicle finance and has a pan-India presence with 3,700+ branches and other offices. As of March 31, 2024, its assets under management (consolidated) stood at Rs. 2.39 lakh crore comprising commercial vehicle finance (45%), passenger vehicle finance (18%), small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) lending (11%), construction equipment and farm equipment finance (9%), housing loans (6%; through its subsidiary – Shriram Housing Finance Limited), two-wheeler loans (5%), personal loans (4%), and gold loans (3%).

Key financial indicators

Particulars	FY2022	FY2023 [^]	FY2024 [*]
	Audited	Audited	Limited Review
Total income	19,274	30,508	36,413
Profit after tax	2,721	6,011	7,391
Total managed assets [#]	1,52,742	2,23,769	2,66,453
Gross stage 3	7.1%	6.0%	5.2%
Capital-to-risk weighted assets ratio	23.0%	22.6%	20.3%

Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios are as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore; * Limited review

With the scheme of arrangement and amalgamation of STFC, SCUF and SCL becoming effective, figures for the year ended March 31, 2023 are not comparable with the figures for the year ended March 31, 2022

[^]Consolidated post-merger

[#]Total managed assets = Total assets + Impairment allowance + Direct assignment – Goodwill; Managed gearing includes off-book portfolio as debt

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

S. No.	Trust Name	Instrument	Current Rating (FY2025)		Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years			
			Initial Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating in FY2025	Date & Rating in FY2024	Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022
					Jul 22, 2024	Jul 21, 2023	Jul 28, 2022	Jul 30, 2021
1	Bank of India - PCG MAR-2020	Assignee Payouts	234.76	12.11	[ICRA]AA+(SO)	[ICRA]AA+(SO)	[ICRA]AA+(SO)	[ICRA]AA(SO)

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2	IB PCG STFC Sep 2020	Assignee Payouts	500.00	0.00	[ICRA]AA+(SO); Withdrawn	[ICRA]AA+(SO)	[ICRA]AA+(SO)	[ICRA]AA(SO)

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Trust Name	Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Bank of India - PCG MAR-2020	Assignee Payouts	Moderately Complex
IB PCG STFC Sep 2020	Assignee Payouts	Moderately Complex

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments are available on ICRA's website: [Click Here](#)

Annexure I: Instrument details

Trust Name	Instrument	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate (p.a.p.m)	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating
Bank of India - PCG MAR-2020	Assignee Payouts	March 31, 2020	9.00%	December 22, 2025	12.11	[ICRA]AA+(SO)
IB PCG STFC Sep 2020	Assignee Payouts	September 19, 2020	9.20%	February 22, 2026	0.00	[ICRA]AA+(SO); Withdrawn

Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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