

Inflation Indexed Bonds - Bidding in the Auctions

The Inflation Indexed Bonds have to be priced on “Real Yields”

Referring to the **Fisher Equation** for estimating the relationship between nominal and real interest rates,

If:

r = Real Interest Rate

i = Nominal Interest Rate

π = Inflation Rate

Nominal Interest Rate = Real Interest Rate + Inflation Rate

Or $i = r + \pi$

Or $r = i - \pi$

Fisher has derived a better approximation which states:

$$1 + i = (1 + r)(1 + \pi)$$

which gives:

$$\text{Real Interest Rate 'r'} = (1 + i) / (1 + \pi) - 1$$

For the purpose of FIMMDA's “Interim Model”,

We shall be using:

Nominal Yield = Equivalent tenor “par yield”

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \text{Illiquidity Premium IP} + \text{Inflation Expectation IE} \\ &= (\text{IP} + \text{IE}) \end{aligned}$$

Following Fisher Equation:

$$\text{Real Yield} = \frac{(1 + \text{Par Yield})}{(1 + (\text{IP} + \text{IE}))} - 1$$

The Auction for the first IIB would be for a tenor of 10 years.

The market participants would Bid for the "Real Yield" when a New Par IIB is issued.

Obviously, the market participants for the auction of the Par Bond would bid for a total desired "Real Yield" Return which would include the illiquidity premium and expectation of inflation during the life of the bond.

Assume the auction cut - off comes at 1.25% for the New 10 yr Inflation Indexed Par Bond issued in 2013. The new IIB would be named as 1.25% II GS 2023 or similar nomenclature.

The coupon of 1.25% would remain fixed for the life of the bond.

Subsequent re-Issues of the Auctions would be price based.

In the first auction of the IIB, the consideration to be paid would be the face value.

On re-issues, which will be price based, the consideration to be paid would be (*"Price x Index Ratio"*) + (*Broken Period Interest x Index Ratio*)

For Calculation of "*Index Ratio*" please refer to RBI's Technical Papers on IIBs dated December 09, 2010 and Capital Indexed Bonds dated May 24, 2004.