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RBI releases draft circular on Limits on Exposure to Single and Group Borrowers/Parties and Large Exposures and Revision in Priority Sector **Lending Targets for UCBs**

The Reserve Bank of India today released draft circular on limits on exposure to single and group borrowers/parties, large exposures and revision in priority sector lending targets for primary (urban) co-operative banks (UCBs) for feedback/ suggestions. The circular stipulates that the prudential exposure limits for UCBs for a single borrower/party and a group of connected borrowers/parties shall be 10% and 25%, respectively, of their Tier I capital and that at least 50% of their loan portfolio shall comprise loans not more than ₹25 lakh per borrower/party. It further stipulates that the target for loans and advances to priority sector for UCBs shall stand increased to 75% of adjusted net bank credit or credit equivalent amount of offbalance sheet exposure, whichever is higher, by March 31, 2023. An appropriate glide path is proposed to be provided to UCBs for compliance with the aforesaid norms/limits/targets.

The above measures are expected to reduce credit concentration risk of the UCBs and promote financial inclusion.

Comments on the draft circular may be forwarded by January 20, 2020 to:

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Or by email with subject line "Limits on exposure to single and group borrowers/parties and large exposures and Revision in priority sector lending targets - UCBs".

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