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RBI imposes monetary penalty on Janseva Sahakari Bank Limited, Pune

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed, by an order dated June 23, 2021, a monetary penalty of ₹ 2 lakh (Rupees Two lakh only) on Janseva Sahakari Bank Limited, Pune (the bank) for contravention of the direction issued by RBI on Know Your Customer (KYC). This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) and Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, taking into account the failure of the bank to adhere to the aforesaid direction issued by the RBI.

The action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.

Background

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The inspection report of the bank based on its financial position as on March 31, 2019, revealed that the bank had not introduced system of periodic review of risk categorization of accounts. Based on the same, a Notice was issued to the bank advising it to show cause as to why penalty should not be imposed for noncompliance with the direction.

After considering the bank's reply to the Notice and oral submissions made during the personal hearing, the RBI came to the conclusion that the aforesaid charge of non-compliance with the RBI directions was substantiated and warranted imposition of monetary penalty.

> (Yogesh Dayal) Chief General Manager