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RBI imposes monetary penalty on The Ron Taluka Primary Teachers Cooperative Bank Ltd., Ron, Karnataka

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has, by an order dated May 22, 2024, imposed a monetary penalty of ₹75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only) on The Ron Taluka Primary Teachers Co-operative Bank Ltd., Ron, Karnataka (the bank) for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Frauds monitoring and reporting mechanism' and 'Policy and Practice regarding Nominal Membership'. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI, conferred under the provisions of section 47A(1)(c) read with sections 46(4)(i) and 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

The statutory inspection of the bank was conducted by RBI with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2022. Based on supervisory findings of noncompliance with RBI directions and related correspondence in that regard, a notice was issued to the bank advising it to show cause as to why penalty should not be imposed on it for its failure to comply with the said directions. After considering the bank's reply to the notice and oral submissions made by it during the personal hearing, RBI found, *inter alia,* that the following charges against the bank were sustained, warranting imposition of monetary penalty. The bank had (i) not reported frauds to RBI, and (ii) exceeded the limit prescribed for the total number of nominal members as a proportion of the total number of regular members.

This 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. Further, imposition of this monetary penalty is without prejudice to any other action that may be initiated by RBI against the bank.

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