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RBI imposes monetary penalty on Jijamata Mahila Sahakari Bank, Pune, Maharashtra

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed, by an order dated August 26, 2021, a monetary penalty of ₹3 lakh (Rupees Three lakh only) on Jijamata Mahila Sahakari Bank, Pune, Maharashtra (the bank) for contravention of/non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on Exposure Norms and Statutory / Other Restrictions - UCBs. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of Section 47 A (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 directions 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

The inspection report of the bank based on its financial position as on March 31, 2019, revealed that the bank had, *inter alia*, not adhered to the ceiling on advances to nominal members. 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 non-compliance with the aforesaid direction.

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