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RBI imposes monetary penalty on Bombay Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has, by an order dated February 17, 2025, imposed a monetary penalty of ₹33.30 lakh (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Thirty Thousand only) on Bombay Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai (the bank), for contravention of the provisions of Section 6(2) read with Section 56 of The Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (BR Act). This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers conferred on RBI under the provisions of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Sections 46(4)(i) and 56 of the BR Act.

The statutory inspection of the bank was conducted by RBI with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2023. Based on supervisory findings of contravention of statutory provisions 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 provisions. After considering the bank's reply to the notice and oral submissions made during the personal hearing, RBI found, *inter alia*, that the following charge against the bank was sustained, warranting imposition of monetary penalty:

The bank had engaged in and earned income from business not permissible under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

This action is based on deficiencies in statutory 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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