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## RBI imposes monetary penalty on Jijau Commercial Co-operative Bank Ltd., Amravati, Maharashtra

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed, by an order dated December 05, 2022, a monetary penalty of ₹1.25 lakh (Rupees One lakh Twenty Five Thousand only) on Jijau Commercial Co-operative Bank Ltd., Amravati (Maharashtra) (the bank) for contravention of/non-adherence with the directions issued by RBI to Urban Co-operative Banks on Know Your Customer (KYC) and opening of on-site ATM. 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 RBI.

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.

## **Background**

The inspection report of the bank based on its financial position as on March 31, 2021, revealed, *inter alia*, that the bank had (i) not carried out periodic updation of KYC of customers, and (ii) opened on-site ATM in contravention of/non-compliance with the aforesaid directions issued by RBI. 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 directions.

After considering the bank's replies, oral submissions made during personal hearing and additional submission made thereafter, RBI came to the conclusion that the aforesaid charges of non-compliance with RBI directions were substantiated and warranted imposition of monetary penalty.

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