

RBI imposes monetary penalty on Mehmadabad Urban People's Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mehmadabad, Dist. Kheda, Gujarat

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has, by an order dated October 28, 2024, imposed a monetary penalty of ₹60,000/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand only) on Mehmadabad Urban People's Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mehmadabad, Dist. Kheda, Gujarat (the bank) for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Membership of Credit Information Companies (CICs) by Co-operative Banks' and 'Know Your Customer (KYC)'. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers conferred in RBI under section 47A(1)(c) read with sections 46(4)(i) and 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and section 25 of the Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005.

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 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 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 failed to:

- i) submit data to three CICs and submitted incomplete data to one CIC; and
- ii) carry out periodic review of risk categorisation of accounts at least once in six months.

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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