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RBI imposes monetary penalty on The Kulithalai Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd., Tamil Nadu

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has, by an order dated December 4, 2024, imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1.00 lakh (Rupees One lakh only) on The Kulithalai Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd., Tamil Nadu (the bank) for non-compliance with specific directions issued by RBI under 'Supervisory Action Framework (SAF)' and certain directions issued by RBI on 'Issue and regulation of share capital and securities - Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks'. 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 Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

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 non-compliance 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:

- (i) offered interest rates on deposits higher than those offered by State Bank of India, sanctioned loans beyond the eligible single borrower exposure limit and sanctioned fresh loans and advances other than loans against collateral security of term deposits, in non-adherence to directions under SAF; and
- (ii) allowed refund of share capital to its members despite its last assessed CRAR being less than the regulatory minimum of 9%.

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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