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**RBI imposes monetary penalty on Shri Mahila Sewa Sahakari Bank Ltd.,
Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed, by an order dated October 25, 2023, a monetary penalty of ₹2.50 lakh (Rupees Two lakh fifty thousand only) on Shri Mahila Sewa Sahakari Bank Ltd., Ahmedabad, Gujarat (the bank) for non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on 'Placement of Deposits with Other Banks by Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs)' and '[Reserve Bank of India \(Co-operative Banks - Interest Rate on Deposits\) Directions, 2016](#)'. 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.

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 statutory inspection of the bank conducted by RBI with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2022, and examination of the Inspection Report, Risk Assessment Report and all correspondence related thereto revealed, *inter alia*, that the bank had (i) breached the prudential inter-bank counterparty exposure limit, (ii) not paid interest on matured term deposits from the date of maturity till the date of their repayment at the applicable rate, and (iii) failed to pay interest on term deposits for the Sundays/ holidays/ non-business working days on which the same had matured and which were repaid on the succeeding working day. Consequently, a notice was issued to the bank advising it to show cause as to why penalty should not be imposed on it for failure to comply with the said directions, as stated therein.

After considering the bank's reply to the notice and oral submissions made by it during the personal hearing, RBI came to the conclusion that the charge of non-compliance with the aforesaid RBI directions was substantiated and warranted imposition of monetary penalty on the bank.