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RBI imposes monetary penalty on The Arni Co-operative Town Bank Limited, Tamil Nadu

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has, by an order dated November 27, 2025, imposed a monetary penalty of ₹2 lakh (Rupees Two Lakh only) on The Arni Co-operative Town Bank Limited, Tamil Nadu (the bank) for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy - Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs)', 'Exposure Norms and Statutory / Other Restrictions – UCBs' and 'Gold Loan – Bullet Repayment – Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs)'. 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, 2024. 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) allowed the refund of share capital to its members, despite its CRAR being less than the regulatory minimum;
- ii) sanctioned certain loans without complying with the share linking to borrowings norm, despite its CRAR being less than regulatory minimum;
- iii) sanctioned loans more than the prescribed regulatory limit to certain nominal members; and
- iv) sanctioned gold loans under bullet repayment scheme beyond the prescribed regulatory limit.

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.