Reserve Bank of India imposes monetary penalty on Hutatma Sahakari Bank Ltd., Walwa, Sangli

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed, by an order dated January 25, 2022, a monetary penalty of ₹2.00 lakh (Rupees Two lakh only) on Hutatma Sahakari Bank Ltd., Walwa, Sangli (the bank) for contravention of/non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on Exposure Norms and Statutory / Other Restrictions - UCBs. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of Section 47A(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.

The 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 of the bank based on its financial position as on March 31, 2020, revealed, inter alia, that the bank had not adhered to ceiling on advances to nominal members in certain cases. 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 aforesaid direction as stated therein.

After considering the bank’s written reply to the Notice, RBI came to the conclusion that the aforesaid charge of non-compliance with the RBI direction was substantiated and warranted imposition of monetary penalty.