

**Sub: Summary of Order-in-Original No. 15/DIR/FIU-IND/2023 in the matter of**

**Sterling Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd. reg.**

In order to assess the compliance of the Sterling Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd. (the Bank), with regard to its obligations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), the Bank was issued a Show Cause Notice for its explanation relating to various Reports related to Fake Indian Currency Note (FICN) not filed by them under Section 12A of the Act.

2. Vide Show Cause Notice dated August 18, 2020, the Bank was called upon as to why action including imposition of penalty should not be taken against the Bank under Section 13 of the Act read with section 12 of the Act and rules 3, 7 and 8 of the Rules, 2005 for non compliance as enumerated in para 1 above.

3. The Bank submitted its reply to the SCN and in compliance of the Principles of Natural Justice, the Bank was granted opportunity of Personal Hearing (PH) through its Authorized Representative(s) (AR(s)).

4.1 After considering the submissions of the Bank, the Director, FIU-IND disposed of the adjudication proceedings initiated against the Bank vide Order-in-Original No. 15/DIR/FIU-IND/2023 dated September 14, 2023, by imposing **monetary penalty to the tune of Rs Fifty thousand** on Sterling Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, under section 13(2)(d) of the Act, for failure to file Counterfeit Currency Report in terms of Section 12 of the Act read with Rule 3(1)(C), Rule 7(3) and 8(1) of the PML Rules, 2005 & for failure to evolve an effective internal mechanism to detect and report all cash transactions where forged or counterfeit currency notes or bank notes have been used as genuine in terms of Section 12(1)(a) and 12(1)(b) of the Act read with Rules 3(1)(C), 7(3) & 8(1) of the PML Rules, 2005.

4.2. The Director FIU also directed the Bank to **ensure suitable training in AML/CFT for the concerned staff** so as to ensure smooth discharge of obligations under the PML Act and rules thereof.

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