

Summary of the Order in original No. 3/DIR/FIU-IND/2025 dated December 30, 2025 in the matter of The Gandhinagar Nagarik Cooperative Bank Limited under Section 13 of the PML Act

1. **The Gandhinagar Nagarik Cooperative Bank Limited** (hereinafter referred to as the 'Bank') is a co-operative bank as defined under section 2(1)(i) of the PML Act and as such, is a Reporting Entity (RE) in terms of Section 2(1)(wa) of the PML Act.
2. On the review of compliance by the bank with regard to its obligations under Chapter IV of the PML Act, it was observed that the bank had failed to discharge its obligations under Section 12(1) read with Rule 3(1)(D), Rule 7(2), Rule 7(3) and Rule 8(2). It was observed that the bank had not implemented an effective internal mechanism for detection and reporting of suspicious transactions as required under the Act and the Rules thereof. Thereupon, a notice for non-compliance u/s 13 of the PML Act, 2002 was issued to the bank, asking the bank to demonstrate why appropriate action should not be undertaken against it for non-compliance with regard to its obligations under the Act.
3. After considering the bank's written and oral submissions and based on the material available on record, in exercise of the powers under Section 13(2)(a) of the Act, the bank was warned and directed to be cautious in future. In addition, in exercise of the powers under Section 13(2)(b), the bank was also directed to ensure compliance with regard to its obligations under the Act diligently, else strict action could be initiated against the Bank as per law. The bank was also directed to strengthen its internal mechanism for detection and reporting of suspicious transactions to FIU-IND and also prepare a comprehensive AML policy. The bank was also directed to form a dedicated AML team to verify/check all system generated alerts for the purpose of reporting suspicious transactions through STRs to FIU-IND.
4. The Bank was given time of three months to comply with the above directions and furnish proof of the same.

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