

**Sub: Summary of Order-in-Original No. 8/DIR/FIU-IND/2019 in the matter of Punjab National Bank - Reg.**

In order to assess the compliance of **Punjab National Bank** (the Bank) with regard to its obligations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (the Act) and the Prevention of Money Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005 (the Rules) for the review period April 01, 2016 to November 30, 2017, inquiry under Chapter IV of the Act was made by FIU-IND way of inspection of the Bank and further information submitted by the Bank in terms of section 12A of the Act.

2. Based on the findings of the inquiry, vide Show Cause Notice dated November 09, 2018, the Bank was called upon to show cause as to why suitable directions including direction of imposition of penalty should not be passed against the Bank under Section 13 of the Act read with Section 12 of the Act and Rules 3, 7, 8 and 9 of the Rules, 2005 for several non-compliances of the provisions of the Act and the Rules.

3. The Bank submitted its detailed reply to the SCN and in terms of the principles of natural justice the Bank was granted opportunities of personal hearing through its authorised representatives.

4. After considering the submission of the Bank, vide Order-in-Original No. 8/Dir/FIU-IND/2019 dated July 29, 2019, the Director, FIU-IND disposed of the adjudication proceedings initiated against the Bank vide the Show Cause Notice dated November 9, 2018, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2)(d) of the Act imposed monetary penalty of **Rs. Fifteen Crore Sixty Two Lakh and Ninety Thousand only (Rs. 15,62,90,000/-)** for non-compliances of sections 12 and 12A of the Act read with rules 3 and 7 of the Rules by the Bank, viz. failure to file certain threshold based reports, failure to file certain threshold based reports accurately and/or within timeline prescribed by the Rules, failure to file suspicious transaction reports timely and accurately, failure to evolve and implement effective internal mechanism for threshold based reports and suspicious transactions reports, failure to submit correct data to FIU-IND, etc.

5. Further, in exercise of the power conferred under section 13(2)(a) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, the Director, FIU-IND issued warning to Punjab National Bank for non-compliances of section 12 of the Act read with rule 9 of the PML Rules, including failure to identify and verify beneficial owner in accounts of several of its customers, failure to enable system in the Bank to record any suspicious pattern where multiple transactions just below the threshold were attempted / undertaken by walk in customers, failure to carry out any risk assessment and to identify and assess its money laundering and terrorist financing risk for products, services, delivery channels or geographies / locations, and failure to fully implement a Client Due Diligence Programme approved by the Board of the Bank specifically with regard to identification of beneficial owner details and risk assessment.

6. In terms of section 13(2)(b) of the Act, the Director, FIU-IND directed the Bank to furnish, within 30 days of receipt of this penalty order, pending reports in respect of transactions reportable as NTRs. The Bank has also been advised to be observant in future regarding compliance with the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and the Rules made thereunder.

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