

# Business Responsibility Report

## SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY

- Corporate Identity Number (CIN) of the Company:** L65191PN1943PLC007308
- Name of the Company:** RBL Bank Limited ("RBL" or "the Bank")
- Registered address:** 1st Lane, Shahupuri, Kolhapur 416 001
- Website:** www.rblbank.com
- E-mail id:** secretarial@rblbank.com
- Financial Year reported:** FY 2021-22
- Sector(s) that the Company is engaged in (industrial activity code-wise):** 64191- Commercial Banking activities
- List three key products/services that the Company manufactures/provides:** The Bank offers various Banking and financial services under following business verticals namely: Corporate and Institutional Banking, Commercial Banking, Branch and Business Banking, Agribusiness Banking, Development Banking and Financial Inclusion, Treasury and Financial Markets Operations.
- Total number of locations where business activity is undertaken by the Company**

(a) **Number of International Locations (Provide details of major 5):** The Bank do not operate in any international location, however, it has an International Financial Service Center Banking Unit ("IBU") in Gujarat International Finance Tech City (GIFT), Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.

(b) **Number of National Locations –** As on 31 March 2022, the Bank had a network of 502 own branches and 414 ATMs in 28 States and Union Territories ('UT') in India. In addition, the Bank has 1,418 nos. Business Correspondent (BC) branches, of which 289 are banking outlets (BO).

As on March 31, 2022, RBL FinServe Ltd. ("RFL") had a network of 929 branches and presence across 22 states and 351 districts.

**10. Markets served by the Company –** Local/State/National/International: The Bank largely serves customers in India.

## SECTION B: FINANCIAL DETAILS OF THE COMPANY

	RBL	RFL
<b>1. Paid up Capital:</b>	₹ 5,995,137,630 as on 31 March 2022	₹ 78,83,45,000 as on 31 March 2022
<b>2. Total Turnover (FY2021-22):</b>	₹ 6,367 Crore <sup>1</sup>	₹ 324 Crore
<b>3. Total profit after taxes (FY2021-22):</b>	₹ (75) Crore	₹ (91) Crore

**4. Total Spending on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as percentage of profit after tax (%):** Approx. CSR expenses for FY2020-22, ₹ 18.28 Crore (see CSR Report for more details) and for RFL is ₹ 0.11 Crore

**5. List of activities in which expenditure in 4 above has been incurred:**

The Bank undertakes socially beneficial programs for the welfare and sustainability of the community at large. In particular, the focus is on the areas of Health, Education and Livelihood Opportunities, (H.E.LO) benefitting marginalized communities, Person With Disabilities, Women and Children.

For detailed list of CSR activities please refer to Annexure IV of our Annual report. Periodic updates are also published at the bank's website on various CSR programs. <https://www.rblbank.com/social-responsibility>.

For the year 2020-21, the Bank's CSR programmed directly impacted 135,202 beneficiaries, out of which 65.5% beneficiaries were girls or women. In FY2021-22, Bank has invested ₹ 16.27 Crore (this includes the spend from unspent account of the previous years) towards Health, Education and Livelihood opportunities

This year, the Bank focused its CSR work to especially benefit marginalized communities and low-income families from the government aligned priorities regions. Apart from that, in FY21-22 approximately 50,355 volunteering hours were done by RBL Bank employees. Overall, 1087 unique employees participated in various social development causes and activities like UMEED1000 Cyclothon, Donate Miles campaign and other skill-based activities. Employee

<sup>1</sup> Turnover is defined as Total Income = Net interest income + Other Income; as on 31 March 2022.

payroll contributions were ₹ 0.09 Crore, which was further donated to various charities that the employee selected.

### RFL's CSR Initiatives:

During the FY 21-22, RFL has spent around ₹ 0.11 Crore in health camps and skill development projects undertaken in flood affected districts, Bhagalpur and West Champaran and in Malwa region of Punjab respectively.

## SECTION C: OTHER DETAILS

**1. Does the Company have any Subsidiary Company/Companies?** – Bank has a wholly owned subsidiary, viz. RBL Finserve Private Limited (earlier Swadhaar Finserve Pvt. Ltd.). It works as a last-mile distributor of comprehensive

financial services and products for the Bank, in particular loans and savings products to low-income households and micro entrepreneurs.

**2. Do the Subsidiary Company/Companies participate in the BR Initiatives of the parent company?** - Yes, partially. RFL as RBL's Banking Correspondent (BC) partner takes part in financial inclusion and financial literacy activities.

**3. Do any other entity/entities (e.g. suppliers, distributors etc.) that the Company does business with; participate in the BR initiatives of the Company? If yes, then indicate the percentage of such entity/entities? [Less than 30%, 30-60%, More than 60%] –** None.

## SECTION D: BR INFORMATION

### 1. Details of Director/Directors responsible for BR:

(a) **Details of the Director/Directors responsible for implementation of the BR policy/policies**

- DIN: 07825083
- Name: Mr. R Subramaniakumar
- Designation: Managing Director & CEO

(b) **Details of the BR head:**

No.	Particulars	RBL	RFL
1.	DIN Number (if applicable)	00003545	06656213
2.	Name	Mr. Rajeev Ahuja	Mr. Vikas Muttoo
3.	Designation	Executive Director	Managing Director & CEO
4.	Telephone number	+91 22 4302 0600	+91 22 3318 3500
5.	e-mail id	Rajeev.Ahuja@rblbank.com	Vikas.Muttoo@rblfinserve.com

### 2. Principle-wise (as per National Voluntary Guidelines) Business Responsibility Policy(s):

(a) **Details of compliance (Reply in Y/N)**

The National Voluntary Guidelines on social, environmental, and economic responsibilities of business prescribed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs advocates the nine principles (detailed below) as P1-P9 to be followed:

P1	Businesses should conduct and govern themselves with Ethics, Transparency and Accountability
P2	Businesses should provide goods and services that are safe and contribute to sustainability throughout their life cycle
P3	Businesses should promote the wellbeing of all employees
P4	Businesses should respect the interests of, and be responsive towards all stakeholders, especially those who are disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized
P5	Businesses should respect and promote human rights
P6	Business should respect, protect, and make efforts to restore the environment
P7	Businesses, when engaged in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a responsible manner
P8	Businesses should support inclusive growth and equitable development
P9	Businesses should engage with and provide value to their customers and consumers in a responsible manner

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The principle wise responses:

No.	Question	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
		See Note 1	See Note 2	See Note 3	See Note 4	See Note 5	See Note 6	See Note 7	See Note 8	See Note 9
1.	Do you have a policy/ policies for...	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2.	Has the policy being formulated in consultation with the relevant stakeholders?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3.	Does the policy conform to any national / international standards? If yes, specify? (50 words)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4.	Has the policy being approved by the Board? If YES, has it been signed by MD/ owner/ CEO/ appropriate Board Director?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5.	Does the company have a specified committee of the Board/ Director/ Official to oversee the implementation of the policy?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6.	Indicate the link for the policy to be viewed online?	Policies like Bank's CSR policy, Code of Bank's Commitment to Customer, Code of Bank's Commitment to Micro and Small Enterprises etc. are available online on Bank's web-portal (www.rblbank.com).								
7.	Has the policy been formally communicated to all relevant internal and external stakeholders?	Policies apart from those mentioned above are available on Bank's intranet for reference of the Bank's employees. Some of these policies are displayed on Bank's website. A detailed list of policies has been communicated to Reserve Bank of India.								
8.	Does the company have in-house structure to implement the policy/ policies?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9.	Does the Company have a grievance redressal mechanism related to the policy/ policies to address stakeholders' grievances related to the policy/ policies?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10.	Has the company carried out independent audit/ evaluation of the working of this policy by an internal or external agency?	The Head of Departments are responsible for effective implementation of the policies. The Compliance Department monitors the adherence to implementation of policies mandated by RBI.								

**Notes:**

**Note 1** – RBL Bank has the following policies, viz. Compliance Policy, Whistleblower Policy, Anti Money Laundering Policy, Vigilance and Fraud Policy, Policy of Ethical Conduct, Code of Bank's Commitment to Customers, Employee's Code of Conduct, Policy on dealing with Related Party Transactions, Fair Practice Codes for Banking and Lending, Insider Trading Code, Staff Accountability Policy, Customer Rights Policy, Grievance Redressal Policy for stakeholder, and Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPS). These policies guide the Bank to attain ethical, transparent and accountable means of doing business.

These policies have been approved by Bank's Board. Board committees like the Audit Committee, Risk Management Committee (RMC), Anti-Fraud Committee (AFC), Customer Service, Branding and Marketing Committee (CSBMC) and Human Resource and Remuneration Committee (HRRC) ensure compliance with these policies. These policies are rolled out by Bank's Vigilance, Compliance, Secretarial, Human Resources departments and Customer Support groups.

All policies are uploaded on Bank's Intranet, while policies relating to external stakeholders (like whistleblower policy, fair practice code, grievance redressal policy, fair disclosure code) are displayed on the Bank's website <https://www.rblbank.com/pdf-pages/bank-policies>.

RFL has developed a Fraud Risk Management Policy and Staff Disciplinary policy which mandates and drives the ethical conduct in RFL. This is approved by RFL's Board, and is circulated to RFL's staff members.

**Note 2** – The Bank complies with regulations governing its products and services and has taken initiatives to promote inclusive growth and environmental sustainability.

The Bank agricultural business division has a dedicated line of credit for financing energy efficient agricultural practices like drip/micro irrigation practices, installation of solar pump-sets, and installation of solar home solution in off grid area to promote water and energy efficiency. Details of this programme could be found in <http://rblbank.com/sustainability-framework.aspx>. This line is administered by Bank's retail agri-banking group and is guided by Bank's Sustainability Policy.

In addition, the Bank's Environmental and Social (E&S) Risk policy (subservient of Bank's Sustainability Policy) mandates that all large wholesale credit cases are evaluated for associated environmental and social risks. This assessment is carried out by the Bank's E&S risk team. This helps the Bank to lend sustainably.

**Note 3** – RBL Bank's policies towards employees revolve around the following HR policies - Employees Code of Conduct, Compensation Policy, Employees Leave Policy, Employee Loan Policy, Grievance Redressal Policy, Employee Suggestion Scheme, Staff Accountability Policy, Maternity Leave Policy, Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy and Mandatory Leave Policy. Some policies are based on Indian regulations (viz. Maternity Leave Policy, Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy etc.), some are based on International best practices while some policies (viz. mandatory leave policy) follow RBI's guidelines. RFL has similar HR and POSH policies.

All policies have been approved by Bank's Board. All policies are uploaded in Bank's intranet and available for review by Bank's employees.

**Note 4** – Bank's Credit Policy for Financial Inclusion (FI) Business guides Bank's efforts towards marginalized and vulnerable population. This credit policy follows RBI master-circular on PSL sector lending and MSME Act. It has been approved by the Bank's Board is available on the intranet. RBL Bank's development banking and financial inclusion activities are listed on Bank's webpage, <http://rblbank.com/Developmental-Banking-and-Financial-Inclusion.aspx>. RFL, being a wholly owned subsidiary and exclusive BC partner for the Bank, also follows the same policy.

The Bank undertakes activities focused at providing education, preventive healthcare, women empowerment and sustainable livelihood related activities in poor, marginalized and vulnerable sections of the society through its structured CSR programmes. These are guided by Bank's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Policy. The policy is available in <https://ir.rblbank.com/pdfs/governance/CSRPolicy28Jul2020.pdf>. The CSR policy has been approved by the Bank's Board and its activities are governed by CSR Committee of the Board in compliance with Sec. 135 of Companies Act, 2013. Bank's CSR Department looks after implementation of the CSR policy.

**Note 5** – The Code of Conduct adopted by the Bank addresses the requirements of this principle. The Code emphasizes fair employment practices & diversity, fair competition, prohibition of harassment & intimidation and safety of the employees at the workplace. The Code of Conduct is approved by Bank's Board and is displayed on Bank's intranet for reference of the employees. The Human Resource department looks after the Code of Conduct.

The Bank follows the Code of Commitment based on the standards issued by The Banking Codes and Standards Board of India (BCSBI) which covers aspects like good and fair banking practices, transparency in services and products, high operating standards and cordial relationship with customers. The code to Bank's Commitment to Customer is available at <https://drws17a9qx558.cloudfront.net/document/Bank%20Policies/code-of-banks-commitment-to-customers-january-2018.pdf>

**Note 6** – Bank's Sustainability Policy governs the Bank's environment related activities, including reviewing environmental and social risk associated with wholesale lender's operations and practices. It has been approved by the Bank's Board.

The Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Committee of the Bank, headed by the Bank's Executive Director, oversees the implementation and roll out of the policy across the Bank. The Bank has an Environmental and Social (E&S) Risk Department which manages the day-to-day implantation of the Sustainability Policy. The Policy is available on the Bank website at <https://drws17a9qx558.cloudfront.net/document/Bank%20Policies/sustainability-policy.pdf> Please refer to the following page for more details on Bank's Sustainability Framework <https://www.rblbank.com/sustainability-framework>

**Note 7** – Bank's Environmental & Social (E&S) Risk Policy dictates that when the Bank engages with external stakeholder like regulators, trade associations, industry bodies etc. for redressal of a grievance or for influencing public policy and voicing its opinion; it should do so in a (i) responsible manner, (ii) ensuring fairness while voicing opinion, and (iii) promoting greater public good. The policy has been approved by the Bank's Board and is made available on Bank's website at <https://drws17a9qx558.cloudfront.net/document/Bank%20Policies/e-and-s-risk-policy.pdf>

**Note 8** - The Bank has a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Policy. The CSR policy has been approved by the Bank's Board and its activities are governed by CSR Committee of the Board in compliance with Sec. 135 of Companies Act, 2013. The policy is available on Bank's website <https://ir.rblbank.com/pdfs/governance/CSRPolicy28Jul2020.pdf> separate CSR Department is present, which looks after the implementation of CSR related activities across the Bank. The Bank has special emphasis in education of underprivileged

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children, promoting preventive healthcare, women empowerment and promoting sustainable livelihood in rural, underprivileged areas. <https://www.rblbank.com/social-responsibility>

In addition, Bank's Credit Policy for Financial Inclusion (FI) Business guides Bank's Financial Inclusion efforts. FI activities are aimed towards improving the quality of life of poor women folk in rural and semi-rural areas of India, by honing their entrepreneurial skills. Bank's financial inclusion efforts are supported by financial literacy (FL) training of clients. This, in the long run, helps them to access mainstream finance, break free from the shackles of poverty and avoid loan sharks.

**Note 9** - the Bank has the following policies oriented towards its customers – Code of Bank's Commitment to Customer, Policy on Outsourcing of Financial Services, Commercial Credit Policy(s), Information Security Policy, Citizen Charter(s), Comprehensive Deposit Policy. These policies have been approved by the Bank's Board and different sub-committees of the Board look after the implementation of the policies. Some of these policies are available on Bank's website <http://rblbank.com/BankPolicies.aspx>.

**(b) If answer to the question at serial number 1 against any principle, is 'No', please explain why. (Tick up to 2 options)**

No.	Question	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
1.	The company has not understood the Principles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.	The company is not at a stage where it finds itself in a position to formulate and implement the policies on specified principles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	The company does not have financial or manpower resources available for the task	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	It is planned to be done within next 6 months	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	It is planned to be done within the next 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Any other reason (please specify)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### 3. Governance related to BR

**(a) Indicate the frequency with which the Board of Directors, Committee of the Board or CEO to assess the BR performance of the Company. Within 3 months, 3-6 months, Annually, More than 1 year etc.**

The performance on aspects of BR is reviewed by the Bank's Management Committee, headed by its MD & CEO on periodical basis, at least on annual basis. Certain aspects of Bank's performance like Environmental and Social (E&S) risk assessment, financial literacy, diversity and inclusion practice and sustainable agri-business performance of the Bank are reviewed by Bank's Board on quarterly basis.

**(b) Does the Company publish a BR or a Sustainability Report? What is the hyperlink for viewing this report? How frequently it is published?**

Yes, Bank publishes its annual BRR. It is already a part of the Annual Report since FY2016-17. Link to download is available at <https://ir.rblbank.com/annual-report.aspx>.

In addition, the Bank published its sustainability report till 2019-20. It is available on <https://ir.rblbank.com/pdfs/financial-highlights/sustainability-report-2019-20.pdf>

From 2020-21, the Bank has started Integrated Reporting and its performance on the six capitals is included in the report.

## SECTION E: PRINCIPLE-WISE PERFORMANCE

### Principle 1: Business should conduct and govern themselves with Ethics, Transparency and Accountability

**1. Does the policy relating to ethics, bribery and corruption cover only the company? Yes/ No. Does it extend to the Group/ Joint Ventures/ Suppliers/Contractors/NGOs /Others?**

Bank's Code of Conduct covers all Bank employees. The code defines bribery and corruption as a potential misconduct, and has defined procedure for reporting, documenting, and disciplinary actions to be taken in case of violation of code.

**2. How many stakeholder complaints have been received in the past financial year and what percentage was satisfactorily resolved by the management? If so, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.**

Details of customer complaints, investor complains and customer cases of RBL in FY2021-22 provided below:

	Carried forward from FY 2020 – 21 (i.e. pending as on 31 March 2021)	Nos. registered in between 1 April, 2021 and 31 March, 2022	Nos. successfully resolved between 1 April, 2021 and 31 March, 2022	Nos. pending resolution as on 31 March, 2022
Customer complaints	1,752	43,573	43,695	1,630
Investor complaints	0	1	1	0
Customer cases	585	422	5	931

Details of customer complaints, investor complains and customer cases of RFL in FY2021-22 provided below:

	Carried forward from FY 2020-21 (i.e. pending as on 31st March 2021)	Nos. registered in between 1st April, 2021 and 31st March, 2022	Nos. successfully resolved between 1st April, 2021 and 31st March, 2022	Nos. pending resolution as on 31st March, 2022
Customer complaints	Nil	90	88	2
Investor complaints	Not applicable (N/A)*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Customer cases	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

*Note: investor complaints are not applicable as RFL is not listed.*

### Principle 2: Business should provide goods and services that are safe and contribute to sustainability through their life cycle.

**1. List up to 3 of your products or services whose design has incorporated social or environmental concerns, risks and/or opportunities.**

The Bank has the following services aimed at Environmental and Social concerns:

- Environmental and Social (E&S) risk assessment** for all large transactions aimed at pre-emptive identification and mitigation of E&S risks associated with Borrower's operations. E&S risk assessment also leads to identification of water and energy saving opportunities in Borrower's operations.
- Sustainable agri-business practices** which promotes micro-irrigation, solar pump-sets and installation of energy efficient pump-sets, reducing water and energy wastage and promotes sustainable agricultural practices.
- Various financial inclusion products** (like microfinance, micro-banking & no-frills accounts, micro-enterprise financing, micro-saving and remittance, crop, life and accident insurance products etc.) have been rolled out by the Bank, for underprivileged, under-banked and unbanked sections of the society.
- Financial literacy training programmes** aimed for rural women to bring out the entrepreneurial spirits and augment their sustenance

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**2. For each such product, provide the following details in respect of resource use (energy, water, raw material etc.) per unit of product (optional):**

**(a) Reduction during sourcing/production/ distribution achieved since the previous year throughout the value chain?**

Not applicable as the Bank is a service sector industry.

**(b) Reduction during usage by consumers (energy, water) has been achieved since the previous year?**

Yes. Bank's sustainable agricultural initiatives, (like installation of drip irrigation system, installation of solar pump sets, installation of off grid solar power plants in remote villages, and replacement of old pump sets) are aimed at reduction in water consumption, and energy usage in irrigation.

Drip irrigation technology, in which water is supplied at regular intervals to the roots of crops using pipes significantly, reduces water wastage compared to traditional flooding irrigation –water savings are estimated to be 47% for sugarcane and 33% for banana cultivation. As irrigation relies on electricity-intensive water pumps, using less water reduces electricity consumption, and consequently CO2 emissions. Estimates based on field survey data show that drip irrigation could save over 1MT CO2e for sugarcane and almost 0.9 MT CO2e for bananas per hectare <sup>2</sup>.

Bank provided loans towards installation of solar pumps for its clients. These pumps are generally of 7.5 -10 HP (5.6 -7.45 kW) capacity. These pumps help farmers irrigate lands in areas where electricity supply is not present or is erratic. These help abate notional CO2 emissions.

**3. Does the company have procedures in place for sustainable sourcing (including transportation)?**

Bank being a service industry our primary inputs by value are software and services hence this is not applicable.

**(a) If yes, what percentage of your inputs was sourced sustainably? Also, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.**

Not applicable.

**4. Has the company taken any steps to procure goods and services from local & small producers, including communities surrounding their place of work?**

Most of Bank's goods and services are sourced locally. The primary resources consumed for its day-to-day operations include paper from local vendors, grid electricity, water from municipal sources, and diesel, for DG sets in locations where power supply is erratic in nature.

**(a) If yes, what steps have been taken to improve their capacity and capability of local and small vendors?**

Bank provides loans to MSME borrowers, which includes shop keepers, small business owners and women entrepreneurs. As a part of Bank's financial inclusion business Bank provides training to Bank customers, primarily women customers in financial literacy to unleash their entrepreneurial spirits.

**5. Does the company have a mechanism to recycle products and waste? If yes what is the percentage of recycling of products and waste (separately as <5%, 5-10%, >10%). Also, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.**

Being a service industry, Bank's waste stream is nominal and non-hazardous in nature. Bank's waste stream largely comprises paper and plastic waste, and some electronic waste. The Bank has established a procedure for recycling paper waste and electronic waste.

During FY2021-22, paper recycling could not be carried out due to COVID-19 restrictions

In FY2021-22, the bank has disposed-off all electrical and electronic waste through authorized vendors. The certificates of disposal are received to verify that the documented materials have not only been received by the recycler, but have also been treated in compliance with the guidelines set forth by Pollution Control Board.

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to Global Climate Partnership Fund Annual Report for 2014 ([https://www.gcpf.lu/files/assets/downloads/annual\\_reports/GCPF\\_AR-2014\\_web.pdf](https://www.gcpf.lu/files/assets/downloads/annual_reports/GCPF_AR-2014_web.pdf)). See pages 38-39

**Principle 3: Businesses should promote the wellbeing of all employees**

#	RBL	RFL
<b>1. Please indicate the total number of employees (as on 31st March, 2022)</b>	9,257	8,753
<b>2. Please indicate the Total number of employees hired on temporary/contractual/casual basis (as on 31st March, 2022):</b>	252*	83
<b>3. Please indicate the Number of permanent women employees (as on 31 March, 2022):</b>	2,153	382
<b>4. Please indicate the Number of permanent employees with disabilities</b>	7	Nil
<b>5. Do you have an employee association that is recognized by management</b>	Yes	N/A
<b>6. What percentage of your permanent employees is members of this recognized employee association?</b>	4.4%	N/A

Note: \* - this does not include security and housekeeping staff.

# - this is not tracked actively. Number is based on employees who have sought exemption under sec. 80 D of Income Tax Act.

**7. Please indicate the Number of complaints relating to child labour, forced labour, involuntary labour, sexual harassment in the last financial year and pending, as on the end of the financial year.**

Details of complaints received by RBL in FY2021-22 provided below:

	Carried forward from FY 2020-21 (i.e. pending as on 31st March 2021)	Nos. registered in between 1st April, 2021 and 31st March, 2022	Nos. successfully resolved between 1st April, 2021 and 31st March, 2022	Nos. pending resolution as on 31st March, 2022
Child labour/ forced labour/ involuntary labour	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sexual harassment	Nil	5	5	0
Discriminatory employment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Details of complaints received by RFL in FY2021-22 provided below:

	Carried forward from FY 2020-21 (i.e. pending as on 31 March 2021)	Nos. registered in between 1 April, 2021 and 31 March, 2022	Nos. successfully resolved between 1 April, 2021 and 31 March, 2022	Nos. pending resolution as on 31 March, 2022
Child labour/ forced labour/ involuntary labour	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sexual harassment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Discriminatory employment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

**8. What percentage of your under mentioned employees were given safety & skill up-gradation training in the last year?**

- (a) Permanent Employees: 100%
- (b) Permanent Women Employees: 100%
- (c) Casual/Temporary/Contractual Employees: 100%
- (d) Employees with Disabilities: 100%

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Bank has a Learning and Organization Development (L&OD) team, which looks after the skill development aspects of employees. Bank undertakes (a) classroom trainings (incl. external training of employees) and (b) E-learning training. A synopsis of the content of these training programs is presented below.

E-Learning programs	Classroom based training programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Compliance:</b> AML, KYC, Insider Trading</li> <li>• <b>Behaviour:</b> Performance Conversation, Business etiquettes, Responding to feedback you disagree with, Sustainability primer &amp; Environmental &amp; Social Risk</li> <li>• <b>Product &amp; Process:</b> Programs on Accounts, credit cards, Investments, Cash Management, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Compliance:</b> Information Systems Control and Audit, Trends in cyber-attacks, Advanced Fraud Detection &amp; Forensic Investigation, etc.</li> <li>• <b>Behaviour:</b> Managerial Effectiveness Program, Behavioural Events Interview, Service Excellence, RM essentials, Eye for detail, etc.</li> <li>• <b>Product &amp; Process:</b> Advance Excel, Data visualization, Financial Modeling etc.</li> <li>• <b>Leadership Programs:</b> Young Leader Development Programme (YLDP), Mid-level Leadership Development Program (MLDP) and Senior-level Leadership Development Program (SLDP)</li> </ul>

Please refer to table provided below for details on no. of persons attending different forms of trainings and nos. of person days employed in training.

Mode of Training	Number of programs	Unique employees covered (including resigned employees)	Total Person-hours Invested	Total Person-days Invested <sup>§</sup>
E-Learning	144	11,242	1,13,379	14,172
Classroom Program	658	9,076	1,09,577	13,697
<b>Total</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>20,318<sup>§</sup></b>	<b>2,22,956</b>	<b>27,870</b>

Note: § An employee may have opted for more than one training programme. Also, this figure includes resigned employees. Hence the number of employees undergone e-learning and classroom programme will be higher than total employees.

Gender disaggregated training data is provided in table below:

Gender Coverage	FY2021-22		FY2019-20		FY2020-21	
	Employees covered	Person days dedicated to training	Employees covered	Person days dedicated to training	Employees covered	Person days dedicated to training*
Male	8,724	2.33	6,036	2.27	6,234	1.94
Female	2,831	2.68	2,068	2.77	2,039	2.15
<b>Total<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,273</b>	

Note: # this figure also includes resigned RBL employees.

\* The Learning management system was being upgraded between April to October 2020.

Bank's Security Team provides safety training (security, safety, evacuation planning, and fire training) to all employees and contract workers present on the premises. Nos. of safety related trainings conducted and attendees in FY22, are presented below.

Theme/Type of Safety Trainings Conducted in FY 2021-22	No. of Trainings conducted	No. of attendees
Security, Fire Safety & Evacuation Training at branches/offices/vendor sites	115	966

Training and skill-updating details for RFL in FY2021-22 are provided below:

Soft Skill Development/ Behavioral Trainings	No of trainings	No. of Participants
<b>Total#</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2,956</b>

Note: # - this also includes resigned RFL employees

Mode of Trainings	Participants	Person-days spent
Classroom based induction training	4,858	15,834
E-learning (through LMS)	11,779*	14,188
Trainings based on con calls / MS teams	9,548	10,503

\* Includes employees who have resigned

## Principle 4: Business should respect the interests of, and be responsive towards all stakeholders, especially those who are disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized

1. **Has the company mapped its internal and external stakeholders?** Yes

2. **Out of the above, has the company identified the disadvantaged, vulnerable & marginalized stakeholders?**

Yes, the bank has identified disadvantaged, vulnerable & marginalized stakeholders like communities below poverty lines, underprivileged women folks, children with health issues etc. and addresses them with financial inclusion product(s), financial literacy training(s) and priority sector lending as per RBI guidelines. In addition, Bank also supports such vulnerable sections of the community through its corporate social responsibility programmes.

The target segment of RFL business consists of low-income households and micro-entrepreneurs. This segment of society has generally been neglected and out of reach of the formal financial sector and has had to rely on informal means of credit. RFL offers loans at 1% rebate to female entrepreneurs to encourage more participation in industry.

3. **Are there any special initiatives taken by the company to engage with the disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized stakeholders. If so, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.**

The Bank addresses the disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized stakeholders, like people below poverty line, underprivileged women folks, children with health issues/disability, micro-entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs etc. through the following programs.

- Financial Inclusion (FI) products / services
- Focused Financial Literacy (FL) training programmes
- Priority Sector Lending in agri, MSME and other sectors
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs

RBL Bank's Development Banking and Financial Inclusion (DBFI) segment ensures that rural unbanked and under-banked customers avail basic banking services through Banks's own and Business Correspondence (BC) branches.

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In FY2020-21, the Bank financial inclusion products bouquet includes:

- Wholesale loans, term loans, asset finance, working capital finance, loan syndication and rated securitization for small and micro-enterprises;
- Individual loans aimed at income enhancement, consumer durable loans and top-up loans for existing Joint Liability Group (JLG) customers;
- Agri investment loans, crop loans, agri allied loans for dairy and non-dairy sectors;
- Micro saving instruments like no frill (PMJDY) accounts, flexible recurring deposits and remittances;
- Life insurances, general insurances, credit line micro insurances, and health insurances;
- Simplified products 'Hospicash' – under this scheme both borrower and spouse can be covered for cash benefit for hospitalization at nominal premium.

With the outbreak of COVID 19 epidemic in March 2020 and announcement of national lockdown, Swadhaar Finaccess (SFA) trainers started work from home and started educating and reaching out to clients via tele-calling. Over 700 people had downloaded the Swadhar Saathi application which enables the users to watch financial education content at their convenience and also to keep a track of their income-expense and financial transactions. The classroom training programmes focus on issues like (a) importance of savings, (b) modes of formal and informal savings, (c) lifestyle needs & relevant financial products, (d) KYC requirements (like Aadhaar), (e) magic of compounding, (f) over indebtedness, (g) credit bureau and (h) responsibilities and rights of customers. The State wise details of trainings and women clients trained in provided below.

State	FY2019-20		FY2020-21		FY2021-22	
	No. of Training Program#	No. of clients* trained	Saarthi App download	No. of clients trained	Saarthi App download	No. of clients trained
Maharashtra	2,238	10,590	361	3,833	10	–
Gujarat	2,570	15,238	684	14,894	422	16,756
Rajasthan	1,411	10,660	1,145	13,673	122	10,445
Bihar	2,065	19,254	391	16,100	134	16,420
Haryana	296	2,435	458	7,036	47	9,605
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,580</b>	<b>58,177</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>55,536</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>53,226</b>

Note: \* Clients indicate under-privileged women in Joint Liability Groups/Self Help Groups.

# Due to lockdown restrictions from April to June 20, trainers were tele calling from home.

Priority Sector Lending (PSL) is mandated by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for lending to sectors like agriculture and allied activities, micro and small enterprises, small housing loans, education loans and other low-income groups and weaker sections. In FY2021-22, Bank has lent ₹ 22,877.93 Crore towards PSL sectors, with an outstanding of ₹ 27,013.20 Crore as on 31 March 2022 with 30.66 lakh beneficiaries. A sectoral breakup is presented in table below:

	Amt. disbursed in FY2021-22 (in ₹ Crore)	No of beneficiaries as on 31 March 2022	Balance outstanding as on 31 March 2022 (₹ Crore)
Agriculture & allied activities <sup>§</sup>	8,063.01	26,05,350	11,414.79
MSME <sup>#</sup>	13,054.06	23,938	8,255.34
Educational loans	2.04	1,753	2.20
Small housing loans*	407.03	8,590	906.18
Loans to weaker sections <sup>@</sup>	4,373.23	30,16,957	6,293.92

Sectors	Amount disbursed in FY21 (in ₹ Crore)	Amount disbursed in FY22 (in ₹ Crore)
Agriculture <sup>§</sup>	5,919.19	8,063.01
MSME <sup>#</sup>	6,507.07	13,054.06
Educational loans	20.43	2.04
Small housing loans*	547.26	407.03
Loans to weaker sections <sup>@</sup>	5,006.13	4,373.23

Note:

<sup>§</sup> Includes both agri and agri allied activities like poultry, dairy and fisheries.

<sup>#</sup> Includes both service and manufacturing micro, small and medium enterprises.

\* Small housing loans include up to ₹ 28 lakhs loans in metropolitan / urban areas and up to ₹ 20 lakhs in other areas.

<sup>@</sup> Weaker section includes small and marginal farmers, SC/ST borrowers, beneficiaries under various Govt. of India schemes, loans to distressed persons, loans to individual women beneficiaries, loans to Self Help Groups (SHG) etc. This category may include figures already included in other PSL categories, hence addition of all PSL sectors may not always add up to net PSL outstanding figure.

Details of Bank's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme focuses on preventive healthcare, girl child education, skill development, sustainable livelihood creation and women empowerment. Details about the Bank's CSR program are provided on our website <https://www.rblbank.com/social-responsibility>.

## Principle 5: Business should respect and promote human rights

### 1. Does the policy of the company on human rights cover only the company or extend to the Group/Joint Ventures/Suppliers/Contractors/NGOs/Others?

Human rights, esp. worker's rights of employees are covered under the Bank's Employees Code of Conduct.

### 2. How many stakeholder complaints have been received in the past financial year and what percent was satisfactorily resolved by the management?

Please refer to answer provided to Question no. 7 under Principle 3, for details of child labour, sexual harassment at workplace and/or discriminatory employment amongst RBL Bank's employees or value chain in FY2021-22. The Bank follows an open-door policy, where both Bank employees as well as non-employee workers could meet Bank's Human Resources / Administration team leads and resolve their grievances.

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## Principle 6: Businesses should respect, protect, and make efforts to restore the environment

### 1. Does the policy related to Principle 6 cover only the company or extends to the Group/Joint Ventures/Suppliers/Contractors/NGOs/others:

Bank's Environmental & Social (E&S) Risk Policy is aimed at reducing E&S related risks at Borrower's end. All exposures above USD 1 mln and tenor more than 12 months to wholesale Clients are evaluated for associated Environmental and Social (E&S) risks. The Bank engages with the Client to develop mitigation plans to correct gap(s) if any identified during due diligence process. The bank's lending checklist also ensures that funding is not available for setting up of new units consuming /producing Ozone Depleting Substances and those manufacturing aerosol units using CFC.

### 2. Does the company have strategies/ initiatives to address global environmental issues such as climate change, global warming etc.? Y/N. If yes, please give hyperlink for webpage etc.

The Bank has an Environmental and Social (E&S) risk assessment process which is applied to large (above USD 1 mln) and long-term exposures (above 12 months) of the Bank. Under the E&S risk assessment process; the Bank evaluate how likely Borrower's physical infrastructure, performance, and operations & maintenance activities will be impacted by climate change and related changes in the hydro-climatic regime.

Please read more about Bank's stand on climate change in Bank's Sustainability Report and Annual Integrated Report.

In addition, Bank's has a dedicated line of credit for financing climate friendly agricultural practices like drip/micro irrigation practices, installation of solar pump-sets, and installation of solar home installations in off grid area to promote energy and water efficiency and improving quality of life of farmers. Details of the benefits accrued from these programme could be found in <https://www.gcpf.lu/news-detail/productivity-gains-a-piece-of-cake.html> and in <https://green-lending-forum.gcpf.lu/2018/04/11/climate-finance-in-agriculture/>.

### 3. Does the company identify and assess potential environmental risks?

Yes, Environmental & Social (E&S) risks assessment is part of credit risk assessment process of the Bank. All large (above USD 1 mn) and long-term exposures (above 12 months) of Bank are evaluated for E&S risks. All material and potential E&S risks are identified and documented, and where needed corrective action plans are developed and agreed between the Bank and Borrowers.

### 4. Does the company have any project related to Clean Development Mechanism? If so, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so. Also, if yes, whether any environmental compliance report is filed?

Not applicable.

### 5. Has the company undertaken any other initiatives on – clean technology, energy efficiency, renewable energy, etc.? If yes, please give hyperlink for web page etc.

The Bank has installed 96 kWp renewable energy in its 21 rural branches, Sangli Office and Bank's Head Office in Kolhapur, generating about 150 MWh of solar power in last FY, and avoiding GHG emissions of 139 tCO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>3</sup>.

In addition, the bank finances various renewable energy, other emission reduction projects and electric vehicles etc. These in turn also help reduce the total GHG emissions.

### 6. Is the Emissions/Waste generated by the company within the permissible limits given by CPCB/SPCB for the financial year being reported?

Given the nature of business, the Bank waste-streams are limited to paper, packaging material and sewage. Hence this requirement is not applicable. The paper consumption at the CO and other locations stood at 12.97 million Sheets. During FY2021-22, paper recycling could not be carried out due to COVID related restrictions.

### 7. Number of show cause/ legal notices received from CPCB/SPCB which is pending (i.e. not resolved to satisfaction) as on end of Financial Year.

Nil.

## Principle 7: Businesses, when engaged in influencing public and regulatory policies, should do so in a responsible manner

### 1. Is your company a member of any trade and chamber or association? If Yes, Name only those major ones that your business deals with:

The Bank is a member of the following associations/chambers/ trade bodies:

- Indian Merchant Chamber (IMC)
- Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)
- Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FICCI)
- International Market Assessment India Private Limited (IMA)
- Maharashtra Economic Development Council
- Association of Mutual Funds in India
- BSE Broker's Forum
- Fixed Income Money market and Derivative Association (FIMMDA)
- Foreign Exchange Dealers Association of India
- Indian Bank's Association (IBA)
- International Association of Credit Portfolio Managers

### 2. Have you advocated/lobbied through above associations for the advancement or improvement of public good? Yes/No; if yes specify the broad areas (drop box: Governance and Administration, Economic Reforms, Inclusive Development Policies, Energy security, Water, Food Security, Sustainable Business Principles, Others)

The Bank provides feedback with respect to draft policies put up on regulatory domain by regulators such as RBI, Govt. of India and other trade bodies relating to banking, finance and economic reforms.

<sup>3</sup> Weighted Average Emission factor of 0.9225 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh is considered (with 0.75 OM and 0.25 BM) from Central Electricity Authority's CO<sub>2</sub> baseline database, ver. 17, Oct 2021 (<https://cea.nic.in/cdm-co2-baseline-database/?lang=en>)

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## Principle 8: Business should support inclusive growth and equitable development

### 1. Does the company have specified programmes/initiatives/projects in pursuit of the policy related to Principle 8? If yes details thereof.

The Bank has a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy in compliance with sec. 135 of Companies Act, 2013, as amended to date. The CSR policy is publicly available on Bank's website (please visit <https://ir.rblbank.com/pdfs/governance/CSRPolicy28Jul2020.pdf>). The bank's CSR activities are listed on webpage <https://www.rblbank.com/social-responsibility>.

The policy identifies the following thrust areas:

- Promoting health, including Preventive Health care
- Promoting Education
- Skill development
- Promoting Sustainable Livelihood
- Any other activity as may be identified by the CSR Committee

Details of RBL Bank's CSR related activities is provided on bank's website <https://www.rblbank.com/social-responsibility>.

For the year 2020-21, the Bank's CSR programmed directly impacted 135,202. beneficiaries, out of which 65.5% beneficiaries were girls or women. In FY2021-22, Bank has invested ₹ 16.27 Crore (this includes the spend from unspent account of the previous years) towards Health, Education and Livelihood opportunities

This year, the Bank focused its CSR work to especially benefit marginalized communities and low - income families from the government aligned priorities regions. Apart from that, in FY21-22 approximately 50,355 volunteering hours were done by RBL Bank employees. Overall, 1087 unique employees participated in various social development causes and activities like UMEED1000 Cyclothon, Donate Miles campaign and other skill-based activities. Employee payroll contributions were ₹ 8,74,000, which was further donated to various charities that the employee selected

Apart from this, the Bank DBFI team carries out financial literacy training for poor women folks in rural and semi-rural areas. Details of this program could be found under Principal 4, answer to Question 3.

As per section 135 of the Companies Act, RFL was required to allocate ₹ 10.79 lakhs for CSR activities.

### 2. Are the programmes/projects undertaken through in-house team/own foundation/external NGO/government structures/ any other organization?

RBL Bank's CSR programmes are rolled out using NGO partners selected based on their meritorious work in each thematic area. Supervisory control is exercised by Bank's own CSR team. Bank employees across roles, gender and locations are encouraged and they regularly participate in CSR activities.

Financial literacy activities are rolled out through specialized BC partners and NGOs experienced in training/ working in microfinance sector in rural areas.

### 3. Have you done any impact assessment of your initiative?

For all CSR related programmes (being carried out by NGO partners), quarterly development effectiveness monitoring is carried out by independent third-party auditors and Bank's CSR team, against pre-set development indicators. This is supported by surprise visits jointly conducted by Bank's CSR team and auditors. Bank's CSR programme on bee-keeping project for farmers with Under The Mango Tree Society (UTMTS) (since 2015) has Social Return on Investment (SRoI) of 5.91:1.

### 4. What is your company's direct contribution to community development projects- Amount in ₹ and the details of the projects undertaken?

In FY2021-22, Bank has invested ₹ 16.27 Crore towards preventive healthcare, education and up-skilling of communities and sustainable livelihood. Details of RBL Bank's CSR related activities is provided on bank's website <https://www.rblbank.com/social-responsibility>.

### 5. Have you taken steps to ensure that this community development initiative is successfully adopted by the community? Please explain in 50 words, or so.

Bank's CSR programmes are developed by experienced professionals, in consultation with the target communities and NGO partners.

Bank's CSR team conducts quarterly review of the performance of CSR programme, and during these reviews, community engagements sessions are conducted to obtain a 360-degree overview of the CSR programmes. In addition, periodic audit of CSR programme is conducted by Bank's CSR team or by an independent audit agency. The feedback received is from such audits are used for alter/realign/course-correct existing CSR programmes.

Similarly, impact assessment for Bank's financial literacy programmes is conducted after brief interval after successful implementation.

## Principle 9: Business should engage with and provide value to their customers and consumers in a responsible manner

### 1. What percentage of customer complaints/consumer cases are pending as on the end of financial year.

Percentage wise customer complaints and customer cases resolved and pending in FY2021-22 vis-à-vis that in previous two years is presented in table below:

Heads	As on 31 March 2022		As on 31 March 2021		As on 31 March 2020	
	Resolved	Pending	Resolved	Pending	Resolved	Pending
Customer complaints	96.40%	3.60%	95.48%	4.52%	92.19%	7.81%
Customer cases	0.50%	99.50%	4.15%	95.85%	8.07%	91.93%

### 2. Does the company display product information on the product label, over and above what is mandated as per local laws? Yes/No/N.A. /Remarks (additional information)

The Bank provides transparent information on its products through its website which has detailed information on product features, service charges and fees applicable. The customers are also provided with detailed product information through "Most Important Document" along with account opening/card application form. Tenor and Interest rates for various deposit schemes are published on the Bank's website. Bank provided relevant information pertaining to banking operations of the Client through periodic email and/or SMS alerts.

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### 3. Is there any case filed by any stakeholder against the company regarding unfair trade practices, irresponsible advertising and/or anti-competitive behaviour during the last five years and pending as on end of financial year? If so, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.

Yes. Total 9 litigations are pending against RBL Bank relating to unfair trade practice as on 31 March, 2022 (1 from FY 2018-19, 3 from FY 2019-20 and 5 from FY2020-21). There is no outstanding litigation pertaining to irresponsible advertising or anti-competitive behaviour.

### 4. Did your company carry out any consumer survey/ consumer satisfaction trends?

Yes, the bank conducts two types of customer Satisfaction surveys – (a) Service Resolution Index (SRI) & (b) Complaint Resolution Index (CRI). The Bank is committed to provide the best possible customer experience to its clients.

The objective of SRI survey is to measure the Customers' experience with regards to the service requests placed by him/her at Bank's branches. To measure SRI, clients are selected randomly and contacted telephonically to rate their request resolution experience on a scale of 1-10, where 10 stands for 'Excellent Service provided' and '1' stands for 'Needs improvement'. In FY2021-22, approx. 16,043 surveys have been conducted by approaching random customers and on average 99% sampled customers responded that they were 'very happy' with the resolution offered (98% in FY2020-21).

CRI is conducted to understand client experience on complain resolution. Here, outbound calls are made by contact center agents to the customers and customers are asked to rate their overall experience in a scale of 1-10. A rating 1 denotes 'needs improvement' and 10 denotes 'excellent service provided'. In FY2021-22, out of approx. 3,746 customers surveyed average, on an average 94% customers responded that the service provided was 'excellent' (94% in FY2020-21).

## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of RBL Bank Limited

### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying standalone financial statements of RBL Bank Limited ("the Bank"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2022, the Profit and Loss Account and the Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended, and notes to the standalone financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (hereinafter referred to as "standalone financial statements").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid standalone financial statements give the information required by the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and as well as the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required for the banking companies and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Bank as at March 31, 2022, its loss and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the standalone financial statements of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the standalone financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. We have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the standalone financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("ICAI") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the standalone financial statements under the provisions of the Act and Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on the standalone financial statements.

#### Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 48 of Schedule 18 to the standalone financial statements which explains the extent to which COVID-19 pandemic will impact the Bank's operations and financial performance is dependent on future developments, which are highly uncertain.

Sr. No.	Key audit matter(s) (KAM)	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
1.	<b>Information Technology (IT) Systems and controls over financial reporting</b> The Bank's financial accounting and reporting systems are highly dependent on data from various IT applications and Core Banking Solution (CBS) which are interfaced and / or are working independently (the IT applications, CBS, general and related application controls together referred to as "IT Controls Framework"). Extensive volume, variety and complexity of transactions are processed daily and there is a risk that automated accounting procedures and related internal controls may not be accurately designed and operating effectively. There exists a risk that gaps in the IT control environment could result in the financial accounting and reporting records being materially misstated. Appropriate IT controls are required to ensure that the IT applications operate as planned and the changes made are properly authorized, tested and controlled. Our audit outcome is also dependent on the effective operations of these IT systems and controls throughout the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have planned, designed and carried out the desired audit procedures and sample checks, taking into consideration the IT systems of the Bank. The procedures adopted by us are, in our opinion, adequate to provide reasonable assurance on the adequacy of IT controls in place and includes:</li> <li>Gaining understanding of IT controls framework through Walkthrough of processes. We also discussed and referred to reports of internal auditors, Internal Financial Control and other assurance functions in carrying out our audit procedures.</li> <li>The IT audit specialists (who are integral part of audit team) have carried out testing of effectiveness of general and application controls.</li> <li>We also tested key automated and manual business cycle controls and logic for system generated reports relevant to the audit; including testing of compensating controls or performed alternate procedures to assess whether there were any unaddressed IT risks that would materially impact the Financial Statements.</li> </ul>