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Customer Compensation Policy  
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## 1. Introduction

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (USFB or the Bank) believes in fair treatment of its customers and providing responsible finance to the lesser served sections of the society. The Bank promotes ethical behaviour based on the principles of integrity and transparency by staff towards its customers. The Bank seeks to offer its customers quality services and shall endeavour to ensure that the customers do not face any challenges while utilizing any products or services.

In case of any customer grievances, the customer shall be free to voice his/ her grievances through the Grievance Redressal machinery as documented in the Customer Grievance Redressal Policy of the Bank. This policy seeks to document the principles on which customers will be compensated for any defect/ deficiency in products/ services.

## 2. Objectives of the Policy

The prime objective of this policy document is to establish a system whereby the Bank shall compensate the customer due to defect/ deficiency in products/ services on the part of the Bank or for any act of omission or commission, directly attributable to the Bank and its employees.

The key objectives of the Customer Compensation Policy are to:

- Put in place a central document in which compensation under other policies are covered
- Lay down a framework for compensating customers in different types of scenarios without demur, which is in line with the regulatory requirements
- Ensure that the Bank employees at all levels are aware of the policy of the Bank in this regard, so that dealings with the customer is uniform across geography and types of customers and is based on transparent standards/procedures.
- Increase the customer satisfaction levels by compensating the customer suo moto, thereby reducing the number of customer complaints, Banking/ Integrated Ombudsman awards, etc.
- Communicate the policy clearly to the customer that the Bank shall be liable only to the extent of direct financial loss suffered by the customer and the timelines within which the customer shall be compensated

This policy document shall include the compensation relating to the following:

- 1) Erroneous Debits arising on fraudulent or other transactions, which are under direct control of the Bank, through any channel
- 2) ECS direct debits/ other debits to accounts
- 3) Payment of cheques after issuance of 'Stop Payment' instruction
- 4) Payment of interest for delays in cheque collection
- 5) Cheques/ Instruments lost in transit/ in clearing process or at branch
- 6) Payment of interest for delay in issue of duplicate draft

- 7) Delay in crediting failed ATM transactions, the Bank has been mandated to resolve customer complaints by re-crediting the customer's account within 7 working days from the date of complaint.
- 8) Delay in affording credits and/ or return of transactions i.e., NEFT to be credited within 2 hours and re-credit in case of failed transaction within 1 hour
- 9) Force Majeure
- 10) Other unauthorised actions of the Bank leading to a financial loss to customer
  - a. Delay in release of securities/ documents/ title deeds
  - b. Mis-selling of third-party products
  - c. Timelines for payment of compensation amount
  - d. Violations of Code of Commitment to Customer by the Bank's agents

### **3. Applicability of the Policy**

The policy will be applicable to all the staff, whether or not customer facing. The policy shall cover all customers of the Bank irrespective of the product/ service they may have availed of. The policy document shall cover the details of the procedure the employees at the Bank need to follow when compensation is to be paid in respect of any complaint. The policy will also apply to Business Correspondents (BCs)/ Agents and shall be applicable in respect of all customers catered to by branches or by BCs/ Agents of the Bank. The policy will cover all the products and services offered by the Bank including third party products distributed by the Bank.

It is reiterated that the policy covers only compensation for financial losses in real terms for specific value which customers might incur due to deficiency in the services offered by the bank which can be measured directly and as such the commitments under this policy are without prejudice to the Bank's rights in defending its position before any Court of Law, Tribunal or any other forum duly constituted to adjudicate banker-customer disputes and does not constitute admission of liability or any other issue, of any nature whatsoever for the purposes of adjudicatory proceedings. The policy does not cover and is not applicable in respect of claims made by customers on account of opportunity losses or damages or claims pertaining to reputation loss.

### **4. Governance Structure**

In line with RBI guidelines, the Bank will have grievance redressal mechanism at three levels i.e. the Board, Senior Management and Branches which has been elaborated in the Bank's Customer Grievance Redressal Policy. The Customer Service Committee at the Board level shall assess and review the overall implementation of customer service policies and initiatives. The Standing Committee on Customer Service at Senior Management level shall serve as a micro level executive committee for driving the implementation of customer service policies and initiatives and shall act as a bridge between the various units of the Bank and Customer Service Committee of the Board. The Branch Level Customer Service Committee shall act as a formal channel of communication between the customers and the Bank at the branch level.

The customer may approach the Branch's Customer Care Representative (CCR) or Branch Operations Officer or Branch Manager about the dissatisfaction or defect/ deficiency in the

products/ services that is being utilized. Alternatively, the customer may highlight his grievances through the customer care helpline, letter or through email to designated nodal officers of the Bank. If customer is not satisfied with solution provided by Bank for his/her complaint, or no response is received from the Bank, the customer may also point out the defects/ deficiencies in products/ services through external channels such as the Integrated Ombudsman (IO), Banking Code and Centralized Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring Systems (CPGRAMS).

The customer complaints shall be dealt with as per the procedure outlined in the Customer Grievance Redressal Policy. Upon investigation of the complaint, if the customer has been found to be unfairly treated or has been subject to any unauthorized actions of the Bank staff or his account has been debited wrongly (as detailed in paragraph 5 below), the customer shall be compensated in line with the principles as laid down in this policy.

The detailed responsibilities of each of the aforesaid Committees with respect to customer compensation are elaborated as under:

#### **4.1. Customer Service Committee of the Board**

While the constitution and detailed responsibilities of the Committee are documented in the Customer Grievance Redressal Policy, the responsibilities of the Committee with respect to customer compensation are as under:

- Take regular inputs on the numbers of cases in which customer compensation was given, the amount of such compensation and service delivery from the Standing Committees on Customer Service, which in turn shall obtain inputs from Branch Level Customer Service Committees and give suitable recommendations on key areas of improvement.
- Review and approve 'delegation of authority matrix' for approving customer compensation
- Review product approval process with respect to suitability and appropriateness for the customers
- Review the audit findings on quarterly basis of the services rendered to the customers and correlate it with the number of cases where customer compensation was paid.
- Review results of annual survey of customer satisfaction and provide improvements in quality of customer service
- Review Banking / Integrated Ombudsman (BO/IO) awards on a periodic basis, address systemic deficiencies brought out by these awards and report cases with delayed implementation of more than 3 months to the Board with reasons for delay to facilitate necessary remedial action on priority
- Review, on a quarterly basis, the position of the complaints against the Bank with the BO offices/ Consumer Courts/ Courts and analyse the reasons for these complaints not getting resolved by the Bank itself

## 4.2. Standing Committee on Customer Service

The primary responsibilities of the Committee with respect to customer compensation shall be as under:

- Study the trends of customer complaints in which customer compensation is paid/rejected by the Bank with justification for rejection and suggest corrective action plan for the identified issues
- Review existing practices and procedures which may lead to frequent customer complaints and then result into customer compensation and initiate necessary corrective action on an ongoing basis to improve these procedures
- Submit a report on the areas reviewed, procedures/ practices identified and simplified and trends of cases where customer compensation is being paid, to the Customer Service Committee of the Board on a periodic basis
- Examine the quarterly reports submitted by the Branch Level Customer Service Committees, analyse the trend of customer complaints and those where compensation is paid, and provide relevant feedback to the Customer Service Committee of the Board.

## 4.3. Branch Level Customer Service Committees

The Branch Level Customer Service Committee will be responsible for strengthening of customer service at branch level through interaction with diverse set of customers. It may also submit quarterly reports giving inputs/ suggestions to the Standing Committee on Customer Service thus enabling the Standing Committee to examine them and provide relevant feedback to the Customer Service Committee of the Board for necessary policy/ procedural action so that the instances of compensation do not recur or reduce in volume and amount. The Committee shall meet at least once in a month.

## 4.4. Grievance Redressal Division & Principal Nodal Officer

The Bank shall form a Grievance Redressal Division (GRD) as a part of its Service Quality team at its Head Office to oversee the implementation of the customer complaint handling mechanism for the entire bank. This cell shall be headed by a Principal Nodal Officer (PNO) (not below the rank of GM or equivalent) who shall review on monthly basis the cases where customer compensation was initiated/ rejected in case of no compensation. The PNO shall identify and study trends and report it to the Standing Committee on Customer Service and shall provide appropriate direction to the Regional Nodal Officers (Regional Manager – Service Quality) at every Region.

## 5. Recognition of deficiency and compensation

### 5.1 Erroneous debits arising on fraudulent or other transactions, which are under direct control of the Bank, through any channel

- In case of any fraudulent encashment/ debit, the Bank shall compensate its customer without demur if it is evident that an irregularity/ fraud had been committed by its staff towards the customer. The amount of compensation shall be the amount of debit with the direct financial loss to the customer.

\*Direct Financial loss includes the following: savings bank interest, levy of interest in a loan account or levy of charges on account of non-maintenance of balance or dishonour of cheques/ ECS/ NEFT due to insufficient balance on account of such debit.

- In cases where it is established through process of court or sufficient documentary records that the Bank is at fault, the Bank would compensate the customer appropriately.
- In cases where neither the Bank nor the customer is at fault, depending on the facts of the case and on case to case basis the Bank shall compensate up to 5% of the direct financial loss suffered by the customer subject to a maximum of Rs.5000 within 15 days from the date of reporting of the erroneous debit.
- In case if the verification of the erroneous entry does not require verification from a third party, the Bank shall arrange the verification of the entry within 7 working days from the date of reporting the erroneous debit. However, if the verification involves a third party, the Bank shall ensure completion of the verification process within 1 month from the date of reporting of the erroneous debit.

### 5.2 Limiting Liability of Customers in Unauthorised Electronic Banking Transactions

#### A. Zero Liability of a Customer

A customer's entitlement to zero liability shall arise where the unauthorized transaction occurs in the following events:

- (i) Contributory fraud/ negligence/ deficiency on the part of the bank.
- (ii) Third party breach where the deficiency lies neither with the bank nor with the customer but lies elsewhere in the system, and the customer notifies the bank within three working days of receiving the communication from the bank regarding the unauthorized transaction.

#### B. Limited Liability of a Customer

A customer shall be liable for the loss occurring due to unauthorised transactions in the following cases:

- (i) In cases where the loss is due to negligence by a customer, such as where he has shared the payment credentials, the customer will bear the entire loss until he reports the unauthorized transaction to the bank. Any loss occurring after the reporting of the unauthorized transaction shall be borne by the bank.
- (ii) In cases where the responsibility for the unauthorized electronic banking transaction lies neither with the bank nor with the customer, but lies elsewhere in the system and when there is a delay (of four to seven working days after receiving the communication from the bank) on the part of the customer in notifying the bank

of such a transaction, the per transaction liability of the customer shall be limited to the transaction value or the amount mentioned in below table, whichever is lower. The customer will bear the entire loss if the delay in reporting is beyond seven working days.

<b>Type of Account</b>	<b>Maximum liability (₹)</b>
BSBD Accounts	5,000
All other SB accounts	10,000
Current/ Cash Credit/ Overdraft Accounts of MSMEs	
Current Accounts/ Cash Credit/ Overdraft Accounts of Individuals with annual average balance (during 365 days preceding the incidence of fraud)/ limit up to Rs.25 lakh	
All other Current/Cash Credit/Overdraft Accounts with limit above Rs.5 lakh	25,000

The bank shall report the instances of customer liability including unauthorized electronic banking transactions to Standing Committee on Customer Service.

Customers shall be advised to mandatorily register for SMS alerts and wherever available register for e-mail alerts, for electronic banking transactions. The SMS alerts shall mandatorily be sent to the customers, while email alerts may be sent, wherever registered. The customers shall be advised to notify their bank of any unauthorised electronic banking transaction at the earliest after the occurrence of such transaction

Bank on receipt of such complaints of unauthorized transactions shall take necessary action as per the process in place.

Bank shall ensure that: (i) a complaint is resolved and liability of the customer, if any, established within such time, as may be specified above, but not exceeding 90 days from the date of receipt of the complaint, and the customer is compensated as per provisions of paragraphs 6 to 9 on the limiting liability circular issued by RBI currently and as amended from time to time.

Bank’s Customer Grievance Redressal Policy includes “Limiting Liability of Customer in Unauthorized Electronic Banking Transaction” by the Bank to the customers (Amended from time to time) for the customers whos’ claims are genuine and these customer claims/complaints shall be evaluated for compensation as per this policy.

### **5.3 ECS (Electronic Clearing System) direct debits/ other debits to accounts**

- If the Bank fails to carry out the direct debit/ ECS instructions of customers, the Bank shall compensate the customer to the extent of direct financial loss as defined above in para 5.1, if any, that the customer shall be subject to on delay/ failure in carrying out the debit instruction.
- If the Bank levies any service charges or other fees which are not as per the tariff schedule, terms and conditions governing the product and/ or the agreement of the Bank with the customer, the Bank shall reverse the charges after verification and

compensate the customer to the extent of any direct financial loss to the customer on account of such levy of charges.

#### **5.4 Payment of cheques after ‘Stop Payment’ instructions**

- In case a cheque is cleared after ‘Stop Payment’ instructions have been received and acknowledged by the Bank, the Bank shall reverse the transaction within 2 working days from the date of reporting by the customer and give value-dated credit to the customer’s account. The Bank shall also compensate the customer towards the direct financial loss suffered by the customer on account of such debit.

#### **5.5 Payment of interest for delays in cheque/ instrument collection**

- The Bank shall be liable to compensate the customer in case of any delay in local and/ or outstation cheques. The Bank shall compensate the customer without demur and without request from the customer, in the form of interest on the amount of the instrument if there is any delay in giving credit beyond the stipulated time period, without any distinction between instruments drawn on the Bank’s own branches or on other banks for the purpose of payment of interest on delayed collection. The Bank shall not compensate the customer in case of errors arising on account of the customer.
- The Bank shall pay interest for delayed collection at the following rates:
  - Savings Bank rate for the period of delay beyond 7/10/14 days as the case may be in collection of outstation cheques.
  - Where the delay is beyond 14 days interest will be paid at the rate applicable to for term deposit for the respective period.
  - In case of extraordinary delay, i.e. delays exceeding 90 days interest will be paid at the rate of 2% above the corresponding Term Deposit rate.
  - In the event the proceeds of cheque under collection were to be credited to an overdraft/loan account of the customer, interest will be paid at the rate applicable to the loan account. For extraordinary delays, interest will be paid at the rate of 2% above the rate applicable to the loan account.
- Acts beyond the control of the Bank ,USFB shall not be liable to compensate customers for delayed credit in case of unforeseen event including but not limited to civil commotion, sabotage, lockout, strike or other labour disturbances, accident, fires, war, damage to the bank’s facilities or of its correspondent bank(s), absence of usual means of communication or all types of transportation, etc beyond the control of the bank preventing it from performing its obligations within the specified service delivery parameters

#### **5.6 Cheques/ Instruments lost in transit/ in clearing process or at branch**

- If a cheque/ instrument accepted for collection is lost in transit or in clearing process or at the Branch, the Bank shall immediately inform the accountholder so that the drawer can be informed to record stop payment. The Bank shall also request the customer to ensure that other cheques issued by him/her are not dishonoured due to non-credit of the amount of the lost cheques/instrument.
- The Bank shall pay interest for the period exceeding the stipulated collection period (7/ 10/ 14 days) at the rates specified in para 5.4 above. In addition, the

Bank shall pay interest on the amount of the cheque for a further period of 15 days at the savings bank rate to provide for likely further delay in obtaining duplicate cheque/ instrument and collection thereof.

- USFB would also compensate the customer for any reasonable charges (up to Rs.500/- (Five Hundred only) that he/she incurs in getting duplicate cheque/instrument upon production of receipt, in the event the instrument is to be obtained from a bank/ institution that would charge a fee for issue of duplicate instrument.

#### **5.7 Payment of interest for delay in issue of duplicate draft**

- In case of loss of demand draft, the Bank shall issue a duplicate draft, in lieu of lost draft within a fortnight from the receipt of such request. For any delay beyond the stipulated period, the Bank shall pay interest at the rate applicable for fixed deposit of corresponding maturity as compensation to the customer, provided the request for the duplicate demand draft is made by the purchaser/ beneficiary only. The compensation shall not be available if the draft is endorsed to third parties.

#### **5.8 Delay in affording credit and/ or return transactions**

- If the Bank fails to meet the RBI prescribed timelines i.e NEFT to be credited within 2 hours and re-credit in case of failed transaction within 1 hour with respect to NEFT/ ECS transactions, the Bank shall compensate the customer to the extent of penal interest at the RBI LAF Repo Rate plus 2% from the due date of credit till the date of actual credit for any delayed credit to the customer's account. Penal interest shall be credited to the beneficiary's account even if no claim is lodged.
- In case of delay in credit on the same day for RTGS transactions, compensation shall be paid to the customer for one day. In the event of any delay or loss on account of error, negligence or fraud on the part of an employee of the Bank in the completion of funds transfer pursuant to receipt of payment instruction by the Bank leading to delayed payment to the customer, the Bank will pay compensation at current RBI LAF Repo Rate plus 2% for the period of delay.
- In the event of delay in return of the funds transfer instruction for any reason whatsoever, the Bank will refund the amount together with interest at the current RBI LAF Repo Rate plus 2% till the date of refund. In case of delay in return of funds on the same day for RTGS transactions, compensation shall be paid to the customer for one day.

#### **5.9 Delay in payment of Bank Guarantee (BG) upon invocation by beneficiary /incorrect charges levied on bank guarantee issuance or cancellation**

The Bank shall communicate the charges and commission to be collected for the BG issuance/cancellation at the time of the event. In case of any delay, loss on account of error, negligence or fraud on the part of an employee of the Bank in the communication of charges, invocation of BG, The bank shall compensate the customer for the financial loss incurred by him. However, notional loss shall not be compensated.

### 5.10 Bank's liability in case of Gold Loans

In case of any proven cases of staff / procedural lapses received as a complaint from a customer, The Bank shall appropriately investigate and compensate the customer for any proven direct financial losses.

### 5.11 Bank's liability in case of Safe deposit Lockers

In accordance with the RBI's Circular on "**Safe Deposit Locker/Safe Custody Article Facility provided by the banks- Revised Instructions, dated August 18, 2021**", the Bank shall compensate the customer for losses occurred from events like fire, theft, burglary, dacoity, robbery, building collapse or in case of fraud committed by the employees of the bank etc. In such cases, the banks' liability shall be for an amount equivalent to one hundred times the prevailing annual rent of the safe deposit locker.

### 5.12 Turn Around Time (TAT) and customer compensation for failed transactions using authorised Payment Systems

RBI has released circular on – 'Harmonisation of Turn Around Time (TAT) and customer compensation for failed transactions using authorised Payment Systems' on September 20, 2019. In this connection, RBI has put in place a framework on Turn Around Time (TAT) for resolution of customer complaints and compensation framework across all authorised payment systems.

It may be noted that:

- the prescribed TAT is the outer limit for resolution of failed transactions; and
- the banks and other operators / system participants shall endeavor towards quicker resolution of such failed transactions.

Wherever financial compensation is involved, the same shall be effected to the customer's account suo moto, without waiting for a complaint or claim from the customer.

Customers who do not get the benefit of redress of the failure as defined in the TAT, can register a complaint to the Integrated Ombudsman of Reserve Bank of India.

#### **General Instructions covering the TAT for failed transactions:**

1. The principle behind the TAT in case of failed transactions is based on the following:
  - a. If the transaction is a 'credit-push' funds transfer and the beneficiary account is not credited while the debit to originator has been effected, then credit is to be effected within the prescribed time period failing which the penalty has to be paid to the beneficiary;
  - b. If there is delay in initiation of a transaction at the originator bank's end beyond the TAT, then penalty has to be paid to the originator.

2. A ‘failed transaction’ is a transaction which has not been fully completed due to any reason not attributable to the customer such as failure in communication links, non-availability of cash in an ATM, time-out of sessions, etc. Failed transactions shall also include the credits which could not be effected to the beneficiary account on account of lack of full information or lack of proper information and delay in initiating a reversal transaction.

The framework for TAT for failed transactions and compensation therefor has been listed in below table:

Sl. no.	Description of the incident	Framework for auto-reversal and compensation	
		Timeline for auto-reversal	Compensation payable
<b>1 Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) including Micro-ATMs</b>			
a	Customer’s account debited but cash not dispensed.	Pro-active reversal (R) of failed transaction within a maximum of T + 5 days.	₹ 100/- per day of delay beyond T + 5 days, to the credit of the account holder.
<b>2 Card Transaction</b>			
a	Card to card transfer - Card account debited but the beneficiary card account not credited.	Transaction to be reversed (R) latest within T + 1 day, if credit is not effected to the beneficiary account.	₹ 100/- per day of delay beyond T + 1 day.
b	Point of Sale (PoS) (Card Present) including Cash at PoS - Account debited but confirmation not received at merchant location i.e., charge-slip not generated.	Auto-reversal within T + 5 days.	₹ 100/- per day of delay beyond T + 5 days.
c	Card Not Present (CNP) (e-commerce) - Account debited but confirmation not received at merchant’s system.		
<b>3 Immediate Payment System (IMPS)</b>			
a	Account debited but the beneficiary account is not credited.	If unable to credit to beneficiary account, auto reversal (R) by the Beneficiary bank latest on T + 1 day.	₹100/- per day if delay is beyond T + 1 day.
<b>4 Unified Payments Interface (UPI)</b>			

a	Account debited but the beneficiary account is not credited (transfer of funds).	If unable to credit the beneficiary account, auto reversal (R) by the Beneficiary bank latest on T + 1 day.	₹100/- per day if delay is beyond T + 1 day.
b	Account debited but transaction confirmation not received at merchant location (payment to merchant).	Auto-reversal within T + 5 days.	₹100/- per day if delay is beyond T + 5 days.
<b>5 Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (including Aadhaar Pay)</b>			
a	Account debited but transaction confirmation not received at merchant location.	Acquirer to initiate “Credit Adjustment” within T + 5 days.	₹100/- per day if delay is beyond T + 5 days.
b	Account debited but beneficiary account not credited.		
<b>6 Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS)</b>			
a	Delay in crediting beneficiary’s account.	Beneficiary bank to reverse the transaction within T + 1 day.	₹100/- per day if delay is beyond T + 1 day.
<b>7 National Automated Clearing House (NACH)</b>			
a	Delay in crediting beneficiary’s account or reversal of amount.	Beneficiary bank to reverse the uncredited transaction within T + 1 day.	₹100/- per day if delay is beyond T + 1 day.
b	Account debited despite revocation of debit mandate with the bank by the customer.	Customer’s bank will be responsible for such debit. Resolution to be completed within T + 1 day.	
<b>8 Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) – Cards / Wallets</b>			

a	Off-Us transaction - The transaction will ride on UPI, card network, IMPS, etc., as the case may be. The TAT and compensation rule of respective system shall apply.		
b	On-Us transaction - Beneficiary's PPI not credited.  PPI debited but transaction confirmation not received at merchant location.	Reversal effected in Remitter's account within T + 1 day.	₹100/- per day if delay is beyond T + 1 day.

### 5.13 Compensation for delayed updation/ rectification of credit information

Complainants shall be entitled to a compensation of ₹100 per calendar day in case their complaint is not resolved within a period of thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the initial filing of the complaint by the complainant with the bank/ CIC. The Bank shall pay compensation to the complainant if the Bank has failed to send updated credit information to the CICs by making an appropriate correction or addition or otherwise within twenty-one (21) calendar days of being informed by the complainant or a CIC.

The compensation amount shall be credited to the bank account of the complainant within five (5) working days of the resolution of the complaint.

These guidelines will be applicable from April 26, 2024.

### 5.14 Force Majeure

The Bank shall not be liable to compensate customers for delayed credit if the Bank's or its correspondent bank's facilities are damaged due to unforeseen events (including but not limited to civil commotion, sabotage, lockout, strike or other labour disturbances, accident, fires, natural disasters or other "Acts of God", war), due to which the Bank is not able to perform its obligations within the specified service delivery parameters.

### 5.15 Other unauthorised actions of the Bank leading to a financial loss to customer

#### 5.15.1 Delay in release of securities/ documents/ title deeds

The Bank shall return the original security documents submitted by the borrower within 30 days of repayment of all dues by the borrower, including principal amount, interest, EMI, costs, service charges, and all other amounts due as per the loan agreement. The Bank shall retain the right to set off for settlement of any other claim,

after giving due notice with full particulars about the pending claims and shall retain the securities/ documents/ title to mortgaged property till the relevant claim is settled/paid. In case of delay beyond the stipulated period in returning the title documents to the borrower, In case where the delay is attributable to the bank, it shall compensate the borrower at the rate of ₹5,000/- for each day of delay.

In case of loss/damage to original movable / immovable property documents, either in part or in full, the Bank shall assist the borrower in obtaining duplicate/certified copies of the movable / immovable property documents and shall bear the associated costs, excluding the above-mentioned compensation. However, in such cases, an additional time of 30 days will be available to the banks to complete this procedure and the delayed period penalty will be calculated thereafter (i.e., after a total period of 60 days).

#### **5.15.2 Mis-selling of third-party products**

With respect to mis-selling, the Bank shall take appropriate steps to investigate any disputes related to insurance/ investment distribution (Either through direct sales or Telesales) and ascertain if there were any violations of the Policy on Mis-selling. The Bank shall compensate the customer to the extent of the direct financial loss suffered by him/her on account of the transaction, post ascertaining all the facts and documents available. However, the Bank shall not in any event compensate for any notional losses on account of the transaction.

#### **5.15.3 Timelines for payment of compensation amount**

If the Bank is liable to pay any compensation under this policy, the same will be paid to the customer within 7 days from the completion of the investigation, the investigation shall be completed within one month from the date of customer complaint.

#### **5.15.4 Violations of Code of Commitment to Customer by the Bank's agents**

In the event of receipt of any complaint from the customer that the Bank's authorised representatives such as Direct Sales Associates (DSAs), Debt Collection Agencies (DCAs) etc. have engaged in any improper conduct or acted in violation of any Code adopted by the Bank, the Bank shall take appropriate steps to investigate and to handle the complaint and to compensate the customer for direct financial loss.

#### **5.16 Compensating customers on basis of awards issued by Insurance Ombudsman (IRDAI Master Circular on protection of policyholders dated Sept 05, 2024).**

- i. The Bank, as a distribution channel, is required to comply with the award of the Insurance Ombudsman within 30 days of receipt of award.
- ii. In case the Bank does not honour the Insurance Ombudsman award within 30 days, a penalty of Rs. 5000/- per day shall be payable to the complainant for each day of delay.

- iii. Such penalty is in addition to the penal interest liable to be paid by the Bank under the Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017.
- iv. This provision will not be applicable in case Bank chooses to appeal against the award of the Insurance Ombudsman within 30days. In such case, due intimation shall be sent to the Policyholder.

## **5.17 Lending Against Gold and Silver Collateral (RBI Direction dated June 6th, 2025)**

### **5.17.1 Compensation**

- a) In case of any damage to the pledged eligible collateral by the lender during the tenor of loan, the cost of repair shall be borne by the lender.
- b) In case of loss of the pledged eligible collateral and/ or any loss emanating from deterioration or discrepancy in quantity or purity observed during internal audit or otherwise including at the time of return or auction of collateral, lenders shall suitably compensate the borrower(s)/ legal heir(s).
- c) In case of delay in release of the pledged collateral after full repayment or settlement of loan by the borrower, where reasons for delay are attributable to the lender, the lender shall compensate the borrower(s)/ legal heir(s) at the rate of ₹5,000 for each day of delay beyond the timeline prescribed at paragraph 35 above. If the delay is not attributable to the lender, it shall communicate reasons for such delay to the borrower(s)/ legal heir(s). Further, where the borrower(s)/ legal heir(s) has not approached the lender for release of pledged eligible collateral after full repayment or settlement of loan, the lender shall issue periodic reminders to borrower(s)/ legal heir(s) through letters, email or SMS if the email and mobile number are registered with the lender.
- d) The compensation provided under these Directions shall be without prejudice to the rights of a borrower to get any other compensation as per any applicable law.

### **5.17.2 Unclaimed Gold and Silver collateral**

- a) The pledged gold or silver collateral lying with a lender beyond two years from the date of full repayment or settlement of loan shall be treated as unclaimed. A lender shall periodically undertake special drives to ascertain the whereabouts of the borrower(s)/ legal heir(s) in respect of such unclaimed gold and silver collateral.
- b) A report on unclaimed gold and silver collateral shall be put up to the Customer Service Committee or the Board, as the case may be, at half-yearly intervals for a review.

## 5.18 Settlement of Claims in respect of Deceased Customers of Banks, 2025

### 5.18.1 Time limit for settlement of claims

- a) The bank shall settle a claim in respect of deposit accounts of a deceased customer within a period not exceeding 15 calendar days from the date of receipt of all the required documents associated with the claim.
- b) In case of safe deposit locker, the bank shall, within 15 calendar days of receipt of all the required documents, process the claim and communicate with the claimant(s) for fixing the date for making inventory of the safe deposit locker.

### 5.18.2 Compensation for delay in settlement of claims

- a) If any deposit related claim is not settled within the timeframe stipulated at point 5.18.1.a, then the bank shall communicate the reasons for such delay to the claimant(s). Further, in cases of delay attributable to the bank, compensation shall be paid by the bank in the form of interest, at a rate not less than the prevailing Bank Rate + 4% per annum, on the settlement amount due for the period of delay. The reference date for reckoning the amount due and the prevailing Bank Rate shall be the date of receipt of all required documents from the claimant.
- b) For claims related to safe deposit locker, the bank shall be required to pay compensation to the claimant(s) at the rate of ₹5,000 for each day of delay, in cases where it doesn't adhere to the timeline mentioned in point 5.18.1.b.

## 6. General

Acceptance of the compensation by the customers under this policy shall be deemed to be final settlement of all issues arising out of grievances for which compensation is claimed.