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**RBI invites public comments on Discussion Paper on Capital Raising Avenues for Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks**

The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 has enabled certain capital related provisions such as issuance of special shares, issuance of shares at a premium, etc., which are new to the co-operative banking sector. The Report of the Expert Committee on Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (the Expert Committee), chaired by Shri. N.S. Vishwanathan, former Deputy Governor, RBI, had provided broad guiding principles on these provisions through its recommendations. Thereafter, a Working Group was constituted in RBI to *inter alia* operationalise the recommendations of the Expert Committee on these newly enabled capital related provisions.

Subsequently, as a part of the [Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies released on Oct 09, 2024](#), RBI had proposed to issue a [Discussion Paper \(DP\) on Capital Raising Avenues for Primary \(Urban\) Co-operative Banks](#) based on the recommendations of the Working Group. Accordingly, RBI has released the DP today for public consultation.

Additional comments or any attachments may also be submitted by email at [feedbackcap@rbi.org.in](mailto:feedbackcap@rbi.org.in)

Last date for submission of comments is July 15, 2025.

[Discussion Paper on Capital Raising Avenues for Primary \(Urban\) Co-operative Banks](#)