

RBI/2025-2026/66 FIDD.CO.FSD.BC.No.08/05.05.010/2025-26

July 11, 2025

The Chairman / Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer All Scheduled Commercial Banks (including Regional Rural Banks and Small Finance Banks) All State Co-operative Banks and District Central Co-operative Banks

Madam/Sir,

Lending Against Gold and Silver Collateral - Voluntary Pledge of Gold and Silver as Collateral for Agriculture and MSME Loans

Please refer to our <u>circular FIDD.CO.FSD.BC.No.10/05.05.010/2024-25 dated</u> <u>December 6, 2024</u> on Credit Flow to Agriculture – Collateral free agricultural loans, and Para 4.1 of the <u>Master Direction FIDD.MSME & NFS.12/06.02.31/2017-18 dated</u> <u>July 24, 2017</u> on Lending to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Sector (Updated as on June 11, 2024)¹.

2. Reference is also invited to the <u>Reserve Bank of India (Lending Against Gold and</u> <u>Silver Collateral) Directions, 2025, DOR.CRE.REC.26/21.01.023/2025-26, dated June</u> 6, 2025.

3. In this regard, it is clarified that loans against voluntary pledge of Gold and Silver as collateral by borrowers, sanctioned by the banks upto the collateral free limit, as

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¹ Not applicable to Regional Rural Banks, State Co-operative Banks and District Central Co-operative Banks

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covered under the Circular / Master Direction referred to in para 1 above, will not be construed as a violation of the above-mentioned guidelines as regards such collateral.

Yours faithfully,

(R Giridharan) Chief General Manager