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The Chief Executive Officer, All Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks.

Madam / Dear Sir,

Monetary Policy Statement 2012-13 - Exposure to Housing, Real Estate and Commercial Real Estate - Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks

Please refer to our <u>Circular UBD.BPD.(PCB)</u>. <u>Cir. No.47/13.05.000/2010-11 dated May 11, 2011</u>, on the above subject, advising UCBs that their exposure to housing, real estate and commercial real estate loans should be limited to 10 percent of their total assets which could be exceeded by an additional 5 percent of total assets for housing loans to individuals upto ₹ 15 lakh.

- **2.** As announced in the Monetary Policy Statement 2012-13 (para 76 extract appended), UCBs would, **henceforth**, be permitted to utilise the additional limit of 5 percent of total assets, referred to in para 1 above, for grant of housing loans to individuals upto ₹25 lakh, which is covered under the priority sector.
- **3.** All other instructions regarding grant of loans by UCBs to Housing, Real Estate and Commercial Real Estate sectors remain unchanged.

Yours faithfully

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Annex

Exposure of UCBs to Housing, Real Estate and Commercial Real Estate

76. At present, UCBs are permitted to assume aggregate exposure on real estate, commercial real estate and housing loans up to a maximum of 10 per cent of their total assets with an additional limit of 5 per cent of their total assets for housing loans up to ₹1.5 million. In order to facilitate enhanced priority sector lending, it is decided:

• to permit UCBs to utilise the additional limit of 5 per cent of their total assets for granting housing loans up to ₹2.5 million, which is covered under the priority sector.