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RBI issues draft 'Guidance on Regulatory Expectations for Data Governance'

Reserve Bank of India has today released the draft 'Guidance on Regulatory Expectations for Data Governance' for public comments.

The draft Guidance is applicable to following regulated entities:

i. Commercial Banks
ii. Small Finance Banks
iii. Payments Banks
iv. Local Area Banks
v. Regional Rural Banks
vi. Urban Co-operative Banks
vii. Rural Co-operative Banks
viii. All India Financial Institutions
ix. Non-Banking Financial Companies
x. Asset Reconstruction Companies
xi. Credit Information Companies

2. Comments on the draft Guidance are invited from regulated entities, members of public and other stakeholders by August 17, 2026.

The comments / feedback may be submitted through the link under the '*Connect 2 Regulate*' Section available on RBI's website or alternatively be forwarded to:

The Chief General Manager, Operational Risk Group
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Or

By e-mail with the subject line **'Feedback on Guidance on Regulatory Expectations for Data Governance'**

Background and Objective

With the increasing digitalisation of the financial sector and growing adoption of technology-driven business models, data has emerged as a critical asset for regulated entities (REs). As the volume, variety and velocity of data continue to increase, effective data governance has become essential to ensure that data remains accurate, consistent, secure and fit for purpose across functions and systems. Weaknesses in data governance and its management can lead to broader financial, operational, compliance and reputational risk for the REs. Recognising this, the Reserve Bank of India has today released the draft 'Guidance on Regulatory Expectations for Data Governance' to support REs in strengthening their data governance framework and promoting sound practices relating to data management across the data lifecycle. The Guidance sets out broad regulatory expectations relating to data governance, roles, architecture, metadata and lineage, quality, and third party arrangements involving data sharing.

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