

Dear Patrons,

In the wake of its recent measures against Paytm Payments Bank and the Cautionary Note issued to Card Networks over unauthorised payments to intermediaries, RBI has recently come up with a [Self-Regulatory Organization Framework for FinTech entities](#) (SRO-FT), signifying its serious intent towards regulatory oversight for addressing problems of FinTech industry. The SRO-FT is required to set standards for issues such as code of conduct of its members' activities, baseline technology standards, consumer laws, transparency & data privacy, standard agreements for FinTech sector, etc.



In this article, highlighting the backdrop and elements of RBI's SRO-FT, **Arunabh Choudhary and Amol Apte (Partners, LawKNIT Partners)** express their views on its plausible effectiveness in the coming time. The Authors analyze the challenges associated

with the structure, personnel and memberships under the framework and elaborate upon some recent regulatory interventions to opine that, *“The SRO-FT most importantly is required to act as a bridge between the FinTech industry and RBI. It would act as the collective voice of its members in engagement with RBI and is also required to be updated of sectoral developments including any statutory violations of its members.”*

In conclusion, conceding that SRO-FT seems to be an important requirement for the Indian FinTech industry, authors assert that however, *“...SRO-FT should not end up being an authority for delegated regulatory functions by RBI burdening the FinTech industry with over-compliance.”*

[Click here](#) to read this insightful article titled **“RBI’s FinTech Self-Regulatory Organization – What’s New?”**

Best Regards,

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