Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill 2024: Auditors see higher remuneration but flag independence, quality risks

The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill 2024, passed in the Lok Sabha, grants banks control over auditor remuneration, with experts predicting greater flexibility and higher remuneration to auditors, but raising concerns about audit quality, independence, and potential conflicts of interest.

Jaspreet Singh, Partner at Nangia & Co LLP, remarked, "This reform signals a shift toward market-driven dynamics, empowering banks to engage auditors competitively and prioritize high-quality audits tailored to their needs. Looking ahead, with banks in control, auditor remuneration could increasingly be influenced by market dynamics, leading to variability in fees based on the perceived value."