

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY (CSR Policy)

1. Objective

The objective of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy ("Policy") of FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ("FICCI" or "Company") is to lay down guidelines for proper execution of CSR activities of the Company so as to support the sustainable development of the society.

2. Composition of CSR Committee

The CSR Committee shall be comprised in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made there under. The details of the composition will be hosted on the Company's website at www.ficci.in

3. Responsibilities of the Committee

The responsibilities of the CSR Committee include:

- Formulating and recommending to the Board of Directors the CSR Policy and indicating activities to be undertaken,
- Recommending the amount of expenditure for the CSR activities, and
- Monitoring CSR activities from time to time.

4. CSR Activities, Projects and Programmes

(a) The CSR activities, projects and programmes that will be undertaken by the Company shall be those as may be approved by the committee that will be constituted / reconstituted by the Board of Directors of the Company in this regard (CSR Committee). The CSR Committee will approve the undertaking of such activities, projects and programs as are covered under the following areas set out in Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013:

(i) eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting health care including preventive health care and sanitation including contribution to the swach Bharat Kosh set-up by the Central Government for the promotion of sanitation and making available safe drinking water;

(ii) promotion of education including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, women, elderly and the differently abled and livelihood enhancement projects;

(iii) promoting gender equality, empowering women, setting up homes and hostels for women and orphans; setting up old age homes, day care centres and such other facilities for senior citizens and measures for reducing inequalities faced by socially and economically backward groups;

(iv) ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, protection of flora and fauna, animal welfare, agro forestry, conservation of natural resources and maintaining quality of soil, air and

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water including contribution to clean Ganga Fund set-up by Central Government for rejuvenation of river Ganga;

(v) protection of national heritage, art and culture including restoration of buildings and sites of historical importance and works of art; setting up public libraries; promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts;

(vi) measures for the benefit of armed forces veterans, war widows and their dependents Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Central Para Military Forces (CPMF) veterans, and their dependents including widows ;

(vii) training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, Paralympic sports and Olympic sports;

(viii) contribution to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund or Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency situations Fund (PM CARES Fund) or any other fund set up by the Central Government for socio-economic development and relief and welfare of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes, minorities and women;

(ix) (a) Contribution to incubators or research and development projects in the field of science, technology, engineering and medicine, funded by the Central Government or State Government or Public Sector Undertaking or any agency of the Central Government or State Government; and

(b) Contributions to public funded Universities; Indian Institute of Technology (IITs); National Laboratories and autonomous bodies established under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE); Department of Biotechnology (DBT); Department of Science and Technology (DST); Department of Pharmaceuticals; Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and other bodies, namely Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO); Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), engaged in conducting research in science, technology, engineering and medicine aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"

(x) rural development projects.

(xi) Slum area development

(xii) disaster management, including relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.

(b) The Committee, at its discretion, approve a contribution to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund or any other fund set up by the Central Government for socio-economic development and relief and welfare of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes, minorities and women.

(c) The Committee, at its discretion, may approve a contribution to technology incubators located within the academic institutions approved by the Central Government.

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(d) While approving the CSR activities, the Committee shall give preference to the local area where the Company operates, for spending the amounts earmarked for CSR activities.

5. Qualifications and Exclusions

a. Activities undertaken in pursuance of normal course of business of the Company shall not be considered as CSR activity under the Policy.

b. Contributions of any amount directly or indirectly to any political party shall not be considered as CSR activity under the Policy.

c. Only those CSR activities, projects or programs that are undertaken in INDIA shall qualify as CSR activities under the Policy.

d. Activities, projects or programs that benefit only the employees of the Company and their families shall not be considered as CSR activity under the Policy.

e. Expenses incurred for fulfilling the requirements of any statute, shall not be counted as CSR expenses under the Policy.

6. Modalities for execution

The approved CSR activities, projects and programmes shall be carried out in any of the following ways as the CSR Committee in its absolute discretion may decide. The CSR Committee may decide to use any one or all or a combination of any of the following ways to undertake the said CSR activities, projects and programmes:

a) by the Company directly;

b) through FICCI Socio-Economic Development Foundation (FSEDF), a foundation that has been established by the Company; and/or

c) through any other registered trust / any registered society / any other company that is qualified to undertake CSR activities in terms of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

In the event the CSR activities are undertaken by the entities listed in (b) and/or (c) above, the Committee shall specify the activities, projects or programs that are to be undertaken, the modalities for utilization of funds on such projects and programs and the monitoring and reporting mechanisms to be followed in that regard.

7. Implementation and Monitoring

a) The implementation schedule for each approved activity, project or programme shall also be approved by the CSR Committee and all such activities, projects and programmes will be accordingly monitored by the CSR Committee.

b) A report on a periodic basis, as may be desired by the Board, shall be provided to the Board by the CSR Committee.

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8. Treatment of Surplus

Any surplus that may arise out of the approved CSR activities, projects and programmes that are carried out shall not form part of the business profits of the Company and such surplus shall be dealt with in the manner deemed appropriate by the CSR Committee.

9. CSR Expenditures

The CSR expenditures shall include all expenditures, including contribution to corpus on the activities, projects or programs as are approved by the CSR Committee and shall not include expenditures on any item not in conformity with the activities specified in Paragraph 4 hereinabove. However, contributions to the corpus of a Trust/ Society/ Company set up under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 will qualify as CSR expenditure as long as (a) the entity is created exclusively for undertaking CSR activities or (b) where the corpus is created exclusively for a purpose directly relatable to a subject covered in Schedule VII of the Act. Salaries paid to regular CSR staff and to volunteers of the Company (in proportion to time/hours spent specifically on CSR activity) will also be factored into CSR project cost as part of the CSR expenditures.

10. Contact

For queries related to the CSR Policy, please write to us at: ficci@ficci.com