



# QUICKTOUCH TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED CSR POLICY

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#### **CSR POLICY**

## INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India has notified the Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 along with Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 "hereinafter CSR Rules" and other notifications related thereto which makes it mandatory (with effect from 1st April, 2014) for certain companies who fulfil the criteria as mentioned under Sub Section 1 of Section 135 to comply with the provisions relevant to Corporate Social Responsibility.

#### WHAT IS CSR?

The term "Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)" can be referred as corporate initiative to assess and take responsibility for the company's effects on the environment and impact on social welfare. The term generally applies to companies efforts that go beyond what may be required by regulators or environmental protection groups.

Corporate social responsibility may also be referred to as "corporate citizenship" and can involve incurring short-term costs that do not provide an immediate financial benefit to the company, but instead promote positive social and environmental change.

"CSR is the process by which an organization thinks about and evolves its relationships with stakeholders for the common good, and demonstrates its commitment in this regard by adoption of appropriate business processes and strategies. Thus CSR is not charity or mere donations. CSR is a way of conducting business, by which corporate entities visibly contribute to the social good. Socially responsible companies do not limit themselves to using resources to engage in activities that increase only their profits. They use CSR to integrate economic, environmental and social objectives with the company's operations and growth."

#### FOR WHOM IT'S APPLICABLE?

The companies on whom the provisions of the CSR shall be applicable are contained in Sub Section 1 of Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013. As per the said section, the companies having Net worth of INR 500 crore or more; or Turnover of INR 1000 crore or more; or Net Profit of INR 5 crore or more during any financial year shall be required to constitute a Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of the Board "hereinafter CSR Committee".

The above provision requires every company having such prescribed Net worth or Turnover or Net Profit shall be covered within the ambit of CSR provisions. The section has



used the word "companies" which connotes a wider meaning and shall include the foreign companies having branch or project offices in India.

#### WHAT TO DO WHEN CSR IS APPLICABLE?

Once a company is covered under the ambit of the CSR, it shall be required to comply with the provisions of the CSR. The companies covered under the Sub section 1 of Section 135 shall be required to do the following activities:

- 1. As provided under Section 135(1) itself, the companies shall be required to Constitute Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of the Board "hereinafter CSR Committee". The CSR Committee shall be comprised of 3 or more directors, out of which at least one director shall be an independent director.
- 2. The Board's report shall disclose the compositions of the CSR Committee\*.
- 3. All such companies shall spend, in every financial year, at least two per cent of the average net profits of the company made during the three immediately preceding financial years, in pursuance of its Corporate Social Responsibility Policy. It has been clarified that the average net profits shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 198 of the Companies Act, 2013. Also, proviso to the Rule provide 3(1) of the CSR Rules that the net worth, turnover or net profit of a foreign company of the Act shall be computed in accordance with balance sheet and profit and loss account of such company prepared in accordance with the provisions of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 381 and section 198 of the Companies Act, 2013.

\*As per the provisions of the Act, the Company is not required to constitute a CSR Committee since the CSR expenditure is less than ₹50 lakh. The Board of Directors will discharge the functions of the CSR Committee.

#### REPORTING FOR CSR

Rule 8 of the CSR Rules provides that the companies, upon which the CSR Rules are applicable shall be required to incorporate in its Board's report an annual report on CSR containing the following particulars:

- 1. A brief outline of the company's CSR Policy, including overview of projects or programs proposed to be undertaken and a reference to the web-link to the CSR policy and projects or programs;
- 2. The composition of the CSR Committee (Board of Directors will discharge the functions of the CSR Committee);
- a. Average net profit of the company for last three financial years;



- b. Prescribed CSR Expenditure (2% of the amount of the net profit for the last 3 financial years);
- c. web-link where the Composition of the CSR committee\*, CSR Policy, and CSR projects approved by the board are disclosed on the website of the company
- d. Details of CSR Spent during the financial year;
- e. the details of Impact Assessment of CSR projects, if applicable
- f. Details of the amount available for set off and the amount required for set off for the financial year, if any
- g. Average net profit of the company as per section 135(5).
- h. Total CSR obligation of the company
- i. CSR amount spent or unspent for the financial year:
- j. Details of preceding years regarding ongoing projects and amount lying in Unspent CSR Account:
- k. Details of Capital Assets acquired by the company through CSR spent in the Financial Year:
- I. Justification for non-spending of entire CSR obligation during the Financial Year:
- m. Singing of Annual Report on CSR
- i. In case the company has failed to spend the 2% of the average net profit of the last three financial year, reasons thereof;

### **ROLE OF CSR COMMITTEE**

The CSR Committee constituted in pursuance of Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 shall be required to carry out the following activities:

- a) Formulate and recommend to the Board, a Corporate Social Responsibility Policy which shall indicate the activities to be undertaken by the company as specified in Schedule VII;
- b) Recommend the amount of expenditure to be incurred on the activities referred to in clause (a); and
- c) Monitor the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy of the company from time to time.

As per the provisions of the Act, the Company is not required to constitute a CSR Committee since the CSR expenditure is less than ₹50 lakh. The Board of Directors will discharge the functions of the CSR Committee

#### WHAT IF A COMPANY CEASES TO BE COVERED UNDER SECTION 135

Rule 3(2) of the Corporate Social Responsibility Rules, 2014 provides that every company which ceases to be a company covered under section 135(1) of the Act for three consecutive financial years shall not be required to:



a. constitute a CSR Committee; and

b. comply with the provisions contained in subsection (2) to (5) of the said section till such time it meets the criteria specified in sub section (1) of Section 135.

Accordingly, if a company, for 3 consecutive years, ceases to be covered under the ambit of section 135(1), it shall not be required to fulfill the conditions relating to the constitution of CSR Committee and other related provisions.

# 1. the Objectives of the Policy

This Policy shall be read in line with Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013, Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 and such other rules, regulations, circulars, and notifications (collectively referred hereinafter as "Regulations') as may be applicable and as amended from time to time and will, inter-alia, provide for the following:

- Establishing a guideline for compliance with the provisions of Regulations to dedicate a percentage of Company's profits for social projects.
- Ensuring the implementation of CSR initiatives in letter and spirit through appropriate procedures and reporting
- Creating opportunities for employees to participate in socially responsible initiatives.

# 2. Definitions

- (1) In this Policy unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a)"Act" means the Companies Act, 2013;
- (b) "Annexure" means the Annexure appended to these rules;
- (c) "Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)" means and includes but is not limited to
  - (i) Projects or programs relating to activities specified in Schedule VII to the Act or
  - (ii) Projects or programs relating to activities undertaken by the board of directors of a company (Board) in pursuance of recommendations of the CSR Committee of the Board as Per declared CSR Policy of the company subject to the condition that such policy will cover subjects enumerated in Schedule VII of the Act.
- (d) "CSR Committee" means the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of the Board referred to in section 135 of the Act (However Board of Directors will discharge the functions of the CSR Committee in the Company case)
- (e) "CSR Policy" relates to the activities to be undertaken by the company as specified in Schedule VII to the Act and the expenditure thereon, excluding activities undertaken in pursuance of normal course of business of a company.
- (f) "Net profit" means the net profit of a company prepared in accordance with Section 198 of the Act.



(2) Words and expressions used and not defined in these rules but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

#### 3. CSR Activities

The Policy recognizes that corporate social responsibility is not merely compliance; it is a commitment to support initiatives that measurably improve the lives of underprivileged by one or more of the following focus areas as notified under Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013 and Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules 2014:

- (i) Eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting health care including preventinve 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) promoting 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, agroforestry, conservation of natural resources and maintaining quality of soil, air and water including contribution to the Clean Ganga Fund set-up by the 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 art 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 recognised 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 govt. for socio economic development and relief and welfare of the schedule caste, 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.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this item, the term 'slum area' shall mean any area declared as such by the Central Government or any State Government or any other competent authority under any law for the time being in force.]

- (xii) disaster management, including relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.]
- 2 The Company may build CSR capacities of its personnel and/or those of its implementing agencies through Institutions with established track records of at least three financial years but such expenditure shall not exceed five percent of total CSR expenditure of the Company in one financial year.

3 However if the Company ceases to be covered under sub-section (1) of Section 135 of the Act for three financial years, then it shall not be required to, comply with the provisions laid down under sub-section (2) to (5) of the said section, till such time it meets the criteria specified in sub-section (1) of the Act.

#### **CSR Committee**

As per the provisions of the Act, the Company is not required to constitute a CSR Committee since the CSR expenditure is less than ₹50 lakh. The Board of Directors will discharge the functions of the CSR Committee.

# **Scope And functions of CSR Committee**

The CSR committee will recommend a formal CSR Policy, this document and will recommend particular CSR activities, set forth a budget, describe how the company will implement the project, and establish a transparent means to monitor progress.

# **Administration of CSR Projects**

The Company can meet its CSR obligations by funneling its activities on its own or through a third party, such as a society, trust, foundation or Section 8 company (i.e., a company with charitable purposes). Companies may also collaborate and pool their resources, which could be especially useful for small and medium-sized enterprises. Managing Director will have the power to sanction any project for CSR.



# Implementation:

- a) The investment in CSR should be project based and for every project time framed periodic mile stones should be finalized at the outset.
- b) Project activities identified under CSR are to be implemented by Specialized Agencies and generally NOT by staff of the organization. Specialized Agencies could be made to work singly or in tandem with other agencies.
- c) Such specialized agencies would include:
- i) Community based organization whether formal or informal.
- ii) Elected local bodies such as Panchayats
- iii) Voluntary Agencies (NGOs)
- iv) Institutes/Academic Organizations
- v) Trusts, Mission etc.
- vi) Self-help groups
- vii) Government, Semi Government and autonomous Organizations.
- viii) Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE)
- ix) Mahila Mondals / Samitis and the like Contracted agencies for civil works Professional Consultancy Organization etc.

#### **FUNDING**

- 1. As per the regulations the company will set aside, for annual CSR activities, an amount equal to 2% of the average net profits of the Company made during the three immediately preceding financial years.
- 2. The tax treatment of CSR spent will be in accordance with the Income Tax Act, 1961 as may be notified by the central board of Direct taxes.

# Amendments to the policy

The Board of Directors can amend its policy as and when required deemed fit. Any or all provisions of CSR Policy would be subjected to revision/amendment in accordance with the regulations on the subject as may be issued from relevant statutory authorities, from time to time.

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