

# **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY OF** **DESAI FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED**

## **A. Introduction**

Desai Foods Private Limited has always been committed to the cause of social service and has repeatedly channelized a part of its resources and activities, such that it positively affects the society socially, ethically and also environmentally.

With the advent of the Companies Act, 2013 constitution of a CSR Committee of the Board and formulation of a CSR Policy became a mandatory requirement. Therefore, the Company has formulated a CSR Policy, which encompasses its philosophy and guides its sustained efforts for undertaking and supporting socially useful programs for the welfare & sustainable development of the society.

## **B. CSR Object:**

The Company channelizes its CSR activities in light of its guiding principle **“Giving back to the society, for all the years of care, support and nurturance that is being bestowed upon the organization”**.

The Company, firmly believes that CSR is primarily, the responsibility of the company in relation to the impact of its decisions and activities on the society and also the environment, through a transparent and ethical behavior which is:

- (a) consistent with sustainable development and welfare of society,
- (b) taking into account the expectations of stakeholders,
- (c) in compliance with applicable law, and
- (d) uniformly integrated and practiced throughout the Company.

## **C. Scope:**

In furtherance of its CSR objects, the following are covered under CSR Policy:

- i. CSR activities implemented by the Company on its own,
- ii. CSR activities implemented by the Company through own trust/society or group company trust/society,
- iii. CSR activities of the Company through an external trust/society.

## **D. Definitions:**

In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Act" shall mean the Companies Act 2013, including any modifications, amendments or re-enactment thereof.
2. "Agency" (or Agencies) means any Company incorporated pursuant to Section 8 of the act, or a registered trust/ society/ NGO/ institution, performing social services for the benefit of the society and excluding a registered trust/society/ NGO/institution/ Section 8 Company which is formed by the Company or its holding or subsidiary company/companies.
3. "Approved Budget" shall mean the total budget as approved by the Board of the Company upon the recommendation of the CSR Committee, which is to be utilized for CSR Projects.
4. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.
5. "Company" shall mean Desai Foods Private Limited and wherever the context requires, shall signify the company acting through its Board.
6. "CSR Annual Plan" shall mean the annual plan detailing the CSR expenditure for the year.
7. "CSR Committee" shall mean the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee constituted by the Board of the Company in accordance with the Act, consisting of three or more directors
8. "CSR expenditure" means all CSR expenditure of the Company as approved by the Board upon recommendation of the CSR committee, including the following:
  - i. contribution to CSR Projects which shall be implemented and/or executed by the Company;
  - ii. contribution to CSR Projects (including for corpus as required) which shall be implemented and/or executed by its Trust or Society; and
  - iii. contribution to CSR Projects (including for corpus as required) which shall be implemented and/or executed by an Agency.
  - iv. any other contributions covered under Schedule VII.

Contribution of any amount directly or indirectly to any political party under section 182 of the Act, shall not be considered as CSR expenditure.

9. "CSR Policy" shall mean the present Corporate Social Responsibility Policy of the Company, which covers the activities to be undertaken by the Company as specified in Schedule VII to the Act and the CSR Expenditure thereon.
10. "CSR Projects" or "Projects" means Corporate Social Responsibility projects/ activities/ programs/ initiatives, instituted in India, either new or ongoing, and includes, but is not limited to those undertaken by the Board in pursuance of recommendations of the CSR Committee as per the declared CSR Policy of the Company  
  
Projects/ activities/ programs/ initiatives undertaken in pursuance of normal course of business of the Company and projects which benefit only the employees of the Company and their families shall not be considered as CSR Projects.
11. "Financial Year" shall mean the period beginning from 1st April of every year to 31st March of the succeeding year.
12. "Group Companies" means holding/ subsidiaries of the company, including their respective holding and subsidiary companies.
13. "Net profit" shall mean the net profit as per the Act and Rules based on which the specific percentage for CSR expenditure has to be calculated.
14. "Rules" shall mean the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility) Rules 2014, including any re-enactment, modifications or amendments thereof.
15. "Society" means a Society formed and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 by the Company and includes a society jointly formed and registered by the Company with all or any of its Group Companies.
16. "Thrust Areas" shall have the meaning as ascribed to them as per provision E of the Policy.
17. "Trust" means a Trust created and registered under the India Trusts Act, 1882 by the Company and includes a Trust jointly created and registered by the Company with all or any of its Group Companies.
18. "Unit" shall mean each of the following:
  - any branch, factory, office of the Company.

Words and expressions used and not defined in the Policy shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act and/or Rules.

## **E. Thrust Areas:**

The Company is eligible to undertake any suitable/ rightful activity as specified in Schedule VII of the Act as amended from time to time, as detailed below:

- 1) Eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, [“promoting health care including preventive health care”] and sanitation [including contribution to the Swachh Bharat Kosh set-up by the Central Government for the promotion of sanitation] and making available safe drinking water.
- 2) promoting education, including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, women, elderly and the differently abled and livelihood enhancement projects.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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].
- 5) 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;
- 6) measures for the benefit of armed forces veterans, war widows and their dependents
- 7) training to promote rural sports, nationally recognised sports, paralympic sports and olympic sports
- 8) contribution to the prime minister's national relief 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;
- 9) Contribution to incubators funded by Central Government or State Government or any agency or Public Sector Undertaking of Central Government or State Government, and contributions to public funded Universities, Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), National Laboratories and Autonomous Bodies (established under the auspices of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Department of Science and Technology

(DST), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) engaged in conducting research in science, technology, engineering and medicine aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).]

10) rural development projects

11) slum area development.

12) disaster management, including relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities

In addition, it is proposed to focus on the following Thrust Areas:

**1.1 Community healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, including, but not limited to:**

- (1) Establishment and management of state-of-the-art healthcare infrastructure with high level of excellence.
- (2) Providing financial and/or other assistance to the Agencies involved in exclusive medical research, public health, nursing etc.
- (3) Providing financial assistance to deserving people for specialized medical treatment in any medical institution.
- (4) Activities concerning or promoting:
  - a. General health care including preventive health care
  - b. Safe motherhood
  - c. Child survival support programs
  - d. Health / medical camps
  - e. Better hygiene and sanitation
  - f. Adequate and potable water supply, etc.

**1.2 Education and knowledge enhancement, including, but not limited to:**

- (1) Establishment and management of educational and knowledge enhancement infrastructure.
- (2) Providing financial and/or other assistance to the needy and/or deserving students.
- (3) Providing financial assistance to any Agency involved in education, knowledge enhancement and sports.
- (4) Facilitate enhancement of knowledge and innovation in the educational Agencies.
- (5) Contribution to technology incubators located within academic institutions which are approved by the Central Government.

### **1.3 Social care and concern, including, but not limited to:**

- (1) Creating Public awareness
- (2) Protection and upgradation of environment including ensuring ecological balance and related activities.
- (3) Others:
  - a. Establishment and management of orphanages, old age homes, Sanatoriums, Dharmashalas and institutions of similar nature.
  - b. Providing assistance to institutes of credibility involved in areas of social care, including:
    - Preservation of heritage
    - Animal welfare, social welfare and related matters
    - Orphanages, old age homes, Sanatoriums, Dharmashalas and institutions of similar nature.
  - c. Other humanitarian activities.

### **F. Identification of CSR Projects:**

1. CSR Projects need to be identified and planned for approval of the CSR Committee, particular in Thrust Areas, with estimated expenditure and phase wise implementation schedules.
2. The Company shall ensure that in identifying its CSR Projects, preference shall be given to the local area and areas around which the Company (including its Units) operates. However, this shall not bar the Company from pursuing its CSR objects in other areas.
3. As a cardinal principle, the CSR Projects in Thrust Areas shall be identified on the basis of a detailed assessment survey.
4. The Committee may engage external professionals/ firms/ agencies if required, for the purpose of identification of CSR Projects.

### **G. Implementation of CSR Projects:**

The Company shall implement the identified CSR Projects by the following means:

## **I. Direct Method**

1. The Company may itself implement the identified CSR Projects presently within the scope and ambit of the Thrust Areas as defined in the Policy;
2. The Company may also implement the identified Projects presently through its Trust or Society which is involved in CSR activities, within the scope and ambit of the Thrust Areas as defined in the Policy.
3. The Committee may engage external professionals/ firms/ agencies if required, for the purpose of implementation of its CSR Projects.
4. The Company may collaborate with other companies, including its Group Companies if required, for fulfilling its CSR objects through the Direct method, provided that the CSR Committees of respective companies are in a position to monitor separately such CSR Projects.

## **II. Indirect Method**

1. The Company may implement the identified CSR Projects through Agencies, subject to the condition that:
  - The activities pursued by the Agency are covered within the scope and ambit of Schedule VII of the Act provided
  - The Agency has an established track record of at least three years in undertaking similar programs or projects, and
  - The Company has specified the Project to be undertaken through the Agency which shall preferably be in Thrust Areas, the modalities of utilization of funds on such Projects and the monitoring and reporting mechanism which shall be at least once in three months.
2. The Company may collaborate with other companies, including its holding and subsidiary Companies and Group Companies if required, for fulfilling its CSR objects through the Indirect method provided that the CSR Committees of respective companies are in a position to monitor separately such Projects.

## **H. Monitoring:**

Monitoring process for CSR Projects shall include the following:

- Evaluation of Planned progress V/s Actual Progress.
- Actual expenditure V/s expenditure as per Approved Budget.

## **I. Fund Allocation and Others:**

### **A. Fund Allocation**

1. The Company, in every Financial Year, shall endeavor to spend the feasible amount, which shall not be restricted by the statutory limit of a specified percentage of its average net profits of the immediately preceding three Financial Years. However, the aforementioned expenditure in any Financial Year shall be at least 2% of Company's average Net profits made during the three immediately preceding Financial Years.
2. The CSR Committee shall prepare a CSR Annual Plan for the above which shall include:
  - a. Identified CSR Projects
  - b. CSR expenditure
  - c. Implementation Schedules
3. Total expenditure in the CSR Annual Plan shall be approved by the Board upon recommendation by the CSR Committee
4. In case the Company fails to spend the statutory minimum limit of 2% of Company's average net profits of the immediately preceding three years, in any given financial year, the Board shall specify the reasons for the same in its report made under clause (o) of sub-section {3} of section 134.

### **B. Others**

1. The CSR Committee shall ensure that major portion of the CSR expenditure in the Annual Plan shall be for the Projects in the Thrust Areas. However, there shall not be any preference given to any particular Thrust Area for budgetary allocation and it shall be made purely as per the identified CSR Projects on need basis.
2. The Chairman and the Managing Director of the Company is authorized to decide on Projects to be implemented through the Indirect Method within the allocation as per the Annual Plan.
3. Any surplus arising out of the CSR Projects shall not form a part of the business profit of the Company.
4. The Company may build CSR capacities of their own personnel or personnel of its Trust or Society, as well as those of the Agencies through institutions with established track records of at least three Financial Years but such expenditure shall not exceed 5% of the Approved Budget of the Company in one Financial Year.

**J. Duties and responsibilities:**

**i. Board of Directors**

The Board shall include in its Report the annual report on CSR Projects as per the format provided in the Annexure to the Rules.

**ii. CSR Committee**

- a. The CSR Committee shall monitor the implementation of the CSR Policy and CSR Plan. For this purpose, the CSR Committee shall meet at least twice a year.
- b. The quorum for a meeting of the CSR Committee shall be two of its members; The meetings shall be conducted in accordance with ChapterXII of the act and the rules made thereunder
- c. In discharge of CSR functions of the Company, the CSR Committee shall be directly responsible to the Board for any act that may be required to be done by the CSR Committee in furtherance of its statutory obligations, or as required by the Board.
- d. The CSR Committee shall place before the Board the draft annual report as per the format in annexure to the Rules in Board meeting before the Annual Accounts of the Company are finalized and adopted by the Board.
- e. The CSR Committee shall place before the Board every year a responsibility statement of the CSR Committee that the implementation and monitoring of CSR Policy, is in compliance with CSR objectives and Policy of the company for inclusion in the Board's Report.
- f. The CSR Committee shall ensure that the CSR Policy and finalized Annual Plan are displayed on the Company's website.

**K. Review Periodicity and amendment:**

- i. CSR Plan may be revised/ modified/ amended by the CSR Committee at such intervals as it may deem fit.
- ii. The CSR Committee shall review the Policy whenever need arises.