

## **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Policy**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1** As a responsible corporate citizen, BYPL aims to address problems like basic infrastructure, hygienic living conditions, employable skills, appropriate earning opportunities, environmental sustainability etc. through its CSR activities and thus make a difference in the lives of the people and create positive impact on the society. The business philosophy for BYPL originates from the guiding philosophy of the Reliance Group, which has always sought to help build more capable and vibrant communities by managing businesses in a manner that is socially responsible and environmentally sustainable.
- 1.2** The CSR policy of BYPL has been framed to dovetail with the charter of the Corporate Social Responsibility of the Reliance group, which states, “We are committed to augmenting the overall economic and social development by discharging our social responsibilities in a sustainable manner.”
- 1.3** This policy has been framed in consonance with the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 (“the Rules” or “CSR Rules”) under the Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 as amended from time to time. The financial component/budgetary spend on CSR and Sustainability will be based on the profitability of the company and shall be determined as per the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under.

### 1.4 CSR Vision, Mission and Objectives

- 1.4.1** CSR Vision of BYPL: “To be the most admired power Distribution Company in India by undertaking CSR projects that transforms societies by empowering Youth, Women and underprivileged and is committed towards environmental sustainability as we live and work in harmony with communities around us.”
- 1.4.2** CSR Mission of BYPL: “To serve the society and its various stakeholders by undertaking CSR projects for development by Education, Livelihood and Employability, Health, Sanitation, and Climate Care.”
- 1.4.3** The objectives of the CSR policy are:
- I) To improve quality of life and economic well-being of youth, women & underprivileged section of society.
  - II) To adopt an approach that aims at achieving a greater balance between social development and economic development.
  - III) To ensure environmental sustainability and contribute to reverse the effects of climate changes.

## 2. Thrust Areas

CSR projects of the Company shall focus on the social problems such as poverty, unemployment, lack of healthcare, climate changes etc. to bring sustainable changes for improvement in the quality of life and economic wellbeing by meaningful participation of youth, women and underprivileged section of the society. CSR projects should be targeted

at development as against just for relief or emergency measures. In accordance with Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013, the following thrust areas are identified under CSR framework of the Company:

- i) **Development by Education:** To take various initiatives to provide quality education through various modes consisting of formal education, informal education, education through sports, etc.
- ii) **Development by Livelihood and Employability:** The aim is to impart livelihood training, skill enhancement, and job orientation training to the youth and women to make them self-reliant.
- iii) **Development by Health:** To make affordable and quality healthcare accessible to the people and bring awareness with respect to healthy habits enabling a better living for senior citizens, women, children, girls through awareness and by undertaking preventive and curative initiatives
- iv) **Development by Environment & Sustainability:** To undertake green and energy conservation drive at National level that may help in meeting the larger Net Zero Targets, Sustainable Development Goals and also undertake initiatives targeted towards the sustainable environment and climate care.
- v) **Development by Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH):** To help the communities to improve hygiene in their area through access of Safe drinking water/sanitation facilities, promotion of Zero Waste Colonies, Safe Disposal of waste, Green Crematorium etc.
- vi) **Development by Sports & Promotion:** To promote rural sports, nationally recognised sports, Paralympic sports and Olympic sports through training, infrastructure support, and talent development initiatives and processes involved therein.

These six focus areas would aim at mitigating and addressing the key social challenges to enable positive and sustainable change in society primarily in the lives of the needy and for the larger benefit of the society.

Preferred locations for most of the CSR activities shall be Delhi except for "Environment & Sustainability" where the activities shall be undertaken Pan India as confinement of climate & environment is not limited to geographies.

- vii) **Other Initiatives:** To undertake any other need-based CSR initiatives in compliance with Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.

### **3. Implementation of CSR Activities:**

The Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives of BYPL to be implemented by:

**3.1** All the CSR activities mentioned in schedule VII of the companies Act, 2013 as under:

- (a) undertaking all other CSR activities shall be undertaken either directly or through implementing agencies details as follows

- i) a company established under section 8 of the Act or a registered public trust or a registered society, registered under section 12A and 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), established by the company, either singly or along with any other company, or through civic society partnering with any company registered with specific purpose to meet the objectives of social developments.
  - ii) A company established under section 8 of the Act or a registered trust or a registered society, established by the Central Government or State Government; or
  - iii) any entity established under an Act of Parliament or a State legislature; or
  - iv) a company established under section 8 of the Act, or a registered public trust or a registered society, registered under section 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and having an established track record of at least three years in undertaking similar activities.
- (b) However, contribution can be made for the activities mentioned in point no. (viii), (ix)(a) and (ix)(b) of Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.

**3.2** The Company may also collaborate with other companies or institutions for undertaking projects or programs for CSR activities.

#### **4. Project Execution & Monitoring Mechanism**

- 4.1** The Company shall in every financial year, spend atleast 2% of Company's average net profits for the three immediately preceding financial years.
- 4.2** The proposal for the CSR projects shall be scrutinized by the CSR Head of the Company keeping in view their relevance to the CSR Policy and its probable impact on the society
- 4.3** The draft CSR annual action plan shall be presented to the CSR Committee for discussion and the CSR Committee shall recommend the same to the Board for approval.
- 4.4** The projects so finalized shall be executed directly or through implementing agencies for execution.
- 4.5** The Board may modify the annual action plan as per the recommendations of the CSR Committee at any time during the financial year, based on reasonable justification.
- 4.6** In any year, where the Company has spent in excess of its CSR obligation, such excess spending shall be available for set off against the Company's CSR obligations in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Board shall be competent to pass a resolution in this regard.
- 4.7** The surplus arising out of the CSR activities shall not form part of the business profit of the Company. Such surplus shall be spent towards its CSR activities in accordance with the policy.

**4.8** BYPL's CSR Team led by CSR Head will monitor the status of each project and will report its findings to the CSR Committee time to time to enable the Board and the Management of the Company to meet their reporting, monitoring and other legal obligations.

**4.9** Identification and implementation of multi-year CSR projects / programs ("Ongoing Projects") will be monitored by the CSR Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company as required under the Companies Act, 2013.

## **5. Impact Assessment:**

Impact assessment shall be undertaken by the Company or by professionals or domain experts as required by and in the manner set out under the Companies Act, 2013 and the impact assessment report(s) shall be placed before the CSR Committee and the Board, and shall be disclosed as legally required.

## **6. Composition of CSR Committee and Disclosures:**

The CSR Committee shall be comprised in accordance with the requirements of Companies Act, 2013. The disclosures on the website of the Company shall be made as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder.

CSR Committee shall –

- Formulate and recommend to the Board a Corporate Social Responsibility policy, indicating the activities to be undertaken by the Company,
- recommend the expenditure to be incurred on the CSR activities,
- monitor the implementation of the activities included in the CSR policy,
- monitor the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy of the company from time to time.
- Formulate and recommend to the Board, an Annual Action Plan in pursuance of its CSR Policy including the list of CSR projects as per Schedule VII, Budget Allocation, the manner of execution, the modalities of utilization of funds and implementation schedules, monitoring and reporting mechanism and details of need and impact assessment, if any, for the projects undertaken by the Company.
- Any other activity(ies)/programs/functions, as may be assigned by the Board.

## **7. Amendments/Modifications:**

The CSR Committee shall review this Policy at least once every two years, or earlier if required. Any modifications to the Policy shall be made with the approval of the Board, based on the recommendations of the CSR Committee. In the event of any inconsistency between this Policy and the provisions of the Act, the provisions of the Act shall prevail.