

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**To the Governing Board of Centre for Responsible Business,  
(A Society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860)**

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of Centre for Responsible Business (herein after the Society), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2023, and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give the information required by the Act in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- (a) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Society as at March 31, 2023; and
- (b) In the case of the Income and Expenditure account, of the excess of expenditure over expenditure for the year ended on that date.

### **Basic of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing (SAs). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with Societies Registration Act, 1860 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee



that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

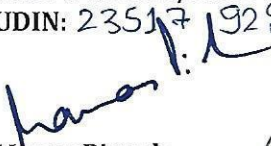
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

For P M H & Associates LLP  
Chartered Accountants

FRN: 026443N/N500054

UDIN: 235171928 BGYYIVA7190

  
Manas Piyush  
Partner

M. No.: 517928



Date: 20 Sep 2023  
Place: New Delhi



**Centre For Responsible Business (CRB)**  
**Society Reg. No.: 0501/2011**  
**Balance Sheet as at March 31st, 2023**

Particular	Notes	As at March 31, 2023 Amount (₹)	As at March 31, 2022 Amount (₹)
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
General Fund - Opening Balance	3	74,50,585	61,97,067
Advance Tax, TDS & Provisions of Earlier Years		-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) - Current Year		(50,28,473)	12,53,518
		<b>24,22,112</b>	<b>74,50,585</b>
<b>Non - Current Liabilities</b>			
Long Term Provisions	6	15,95,453	10,69,972
		<b>15,95,453</b>	<b>10,69,972</b>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Trade Payables	4	15,13,223	10,31,267
Other Liabilities	5	22,25,288	9,92,710
Short Term Provisions	6	9,78,036	9,78,037
		<b>47,16,547</b>	<b>30,02,014</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>87,34,112</b>	<b>1,15,22,571</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	4,83,124	3,97,860
		<b>4,83,124</b>	<b>3,97,860</b>
Deferred Tax Assets	8	3,82,749	2,56,686
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Trade Receivable	9	33,76,941	18,16,414
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10	15,14,751	71,68,220
Short term Loan and Advance	11	29,08,663	18,36,230
Other Current Assets	12	67,884	47,161
		<b>78,68,239</b>	<b>1,08,68,025</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>87,34,113</b>	<b>1,15,22,571</b>

Summary of significant accounting policies (Note No. 1 & 2)  
The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

As per our report of even date

For PMH & Associates LLP

Chartered Accountants

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For and on behalf of

Centre For Responsible Business (CRB)

*Rishi K. Singh*  
Governing Body Member

*Rishu Ar*  
Governing Body Member

Date: 20 Sep 2023

Place: New Delhi

**Centre For Responsible Business (CRB)**  
Society Reg. No.: 0501/2011  
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31st, 2023

Particulars	Notes	For the Year Ended March 31, 2023 Amount (₹)	For the Year Ended March 31, 2022 Amount (₹)
<b>Income:</b>			
Research & Development Revenue	13	3,34,78,950	2,20,09,202
Grants Received	13	69,09,227	68,14,052
Interest Income	14	1,50,688	2,03,557
Other Income	14	(6,197)	32,790
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>4,05,32,668</b>	<b>2,90,59,601</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Personnel Expenses	15	1,84,36,713	1,61,57,371
Consultancy Charges	18	1,02,99,880	66,99,632
Conference, Seminar, Meeting, Workshop	18	80,89,524	10,01,670
Office Rent & Maintenance	18	15,93,462	12,30,000
Sponsorship Expenses		-	5,00,000
Communication and Outreach	18	8,85,074	2,24,725
Office Expenses	18	1,66,720	2,26,637
Website Designing & Maintenance	18	6,34,604	2,23,212
Depreciation	17	1,16,695	79,126
Travelling & Conveyance	18	40,20,109	4,96,632
Rates & Taxes	18	72,141	2,31,756
Printing/ Stationery	18	73,163	21,255
Staff Welfare	15	2,90,479	36,712
Publication/ Printing	18	2,80,746	-
Forex Fluctuation/ Transaction	16	2,11,527	1,18,271
Electricity Expenses	18	92,000	50,903
Repair Maintenance- Computer/ Equipments	18	89,598	35,807
Legal & Professional Fees	18	2,89,070	85,000
Bank Charges	16	45,597	44,451
Other Expenses	18	102	196
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>4,56,87,204</b>	<b>2,74,63,356</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>(51,54,536)</b>	<b>15,96,245</b>
<b>Income Tax:</b>			
Current Tax		-	6,39,511
Prior Year Tax Adjustments		-	(40,098)
Deferred Tax (Credited)/Charged	8	(1,26,063)	(2,56,686)
<b>Surplus/(deficit) carried to the Balance Sheet</b>		<b>(50,28,473)</b>	<b>12,53,518</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,05,32,668</b>	<b>2,90,59,601</b>

Summary of significant accounting policies (Note No. 1 & 2)

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Governing Body Member

*Rakesh*  
Governing Body Member

Date: 20 Sep 2023

Place: New Delhi



## **SCHEDULE 1: BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

### **1. BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW OF THE SOCIETY'S OPERATIONS:**

Centre for Responsible Business (The 'Society') is located at USO House, USO Road, 6, Jeet Singh Marg, Special Institutional Area, New Delhi - 110067, and has been registered on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 under the "Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860".

Nature of present activities:

- (a) To promote responsible business strategies, policies and practices  
(b) To perform the following activities organized under four verticals in CSR and Sustainability domains:

- Customized Advisory Services
- Action and Policy Research
- Training and Capacity Building
- Convening Knowledge Forums

### **2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

#### **a. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements of the Society have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in India (Indian GAAP). The Society has prepared these financial statements to comply in all material respects with the accounting standards specified by the Institute of Chartered Accounts of India. The financial statements are prepared under historical cost convention, on accrual basis of accounting and in accordance with the normally accepted accounting principles and accounting standards, unless otherwise stated.

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of financial statements are consistent with those of previous year.

#### **b. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with the generally accepted accounting principles requires estimates and assumptions to be made that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities on the date of financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management believes that the estimates used in the preparation of financial statements are prudent and reasonable. Future results could differ from these estimates.

#### **c. Revenue Recognition**

##### *Donations and Subscriptions*

Revenue from other donations and subscriptions is recognized when such donation or subscription is received by the Society and conditions, if any, any attached to it are fulfilled by the Society.



#### *Rendering of Services*

Revenue is recognised only when risks and rewards incidental to ownership are transferred to the customer, it can be reliably measured and it is reasonable to expect ultimate collection.

#### *Interest*

Revenue is recognised on a time proportion basis considering the amount outstanding and the applicable rate.

#### *Government and Other Grants*

Revenue from government and other grants is recognized when such grant is received by the Society and conditions, if any, any attached to it are fulfilled by the Society.

### **d. Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost comprises the purchase price and any directly attributable cost of bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use. Expenditure for additions, modifications, improvements and renewals are capitalized and expenditure for maintenance and repairs are charged to income and expenditure account. Financing costs relating to acquisition of fixed assets are also included to the extent they relate to the period till such assets are ready to be put to use.

### **e. Depreciation**

Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the Written - Down Value Method (WDV) as per the rates prescribed by the Income Tax Act, 1961.

### **f. Leases**

#### *Where the Society is the lessee*

Leases, where the lessor effectively retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased term, are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognized as an expense in the Income and Expenditure account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### **g. Foreign Currency Transactions**

#### *a) Initial Recognition*

Foreign currency transactions are recorded in the reporting currency, by applying to the foreign currency amount the exchange rate between the reporting currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

#### *b) Conversion*

Foreign currency monetary items are reported using the closing rate. Non-monetary items which are carried in terms of historical cost denominated in a foreign currency are reported using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction; and non-monetary





items which are carried at fair value or other similar valuation denominated in a foreign currency are reported using the exchange rates that existed when the values were determined.

*c) Exchange Differences*

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on reporting society's monetary items at rates different from those at which they were initially recorded during the year, or reported in previous financial statements, are recognized as income or as expenses in the year in which they arise except those arising from investments in non-integral operations.

**h. Income Taxes**

Tax expense comprises of current taxes. Current income tax is measured at the amount expected to be paid to the tax authorities in accordance with Income Tax Act, 1961.

**i. Investments**

Investments that are readily realizable and intended to be held for not more than a year are classified as current investments. All other investments are classified as long term investments. Current investments are carried at lower of cost and fair value determined on an individual investment basis. Long term investments are carried at cost. However, any decline, other than temporary, in the value of the investments is charged to the income and expenditure account.

**j. Intangible Assets**

Intangible Assets are stated at cost of acquisition net of recoverable taxes less accumulated amortisation/depletion. The cost comprises purchase price, borrowing costs, and any cost directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for the intended use and net charges on foreign exchange contracts and adjustments arising from exchange rate variations attributable to the intangible assets.

**k. Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets**

*Provisions*

A provision is recognized when an enterprise has a present obligation as a result of past event; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, in respect of which a reliable estimate can be made. Provisions are not discounted to its present value and are determined based on best estimate required to settle the obligation at the balance sheet date. These are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimates. Provision for expenditure relating to voluntary retirement is made when the employee accepts the offer of early retirement.

*Contingent Liability*

A contingent liability is disclosed where, as a result of past events, there is a possible obligation or a present obligation that may, but probably will not, require an outflow of resources. Where there is a possible obligation or a present obligation in respect of which the likelihood of outflow of resources is remote, no provision or disclosure is made.



*Contingent Assets*

Contingent Assets are not recognised in the financial statements.

**1. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.





Notes	Particulars				Amount (₹)
<b>3</b>	<b>General Fund and Reserves and Surplus</b>				
	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>As at 1st April 2022 (Opening Balance)</b>	<b>Additions during the year</b>	<b>Withdrawals during the year</b>	<b>As at 31st March 2023 (Closing Balance)</b>
	General Fund	74,50,585	-	-	74,50,585
	Excess of expenditure over Income	-	-	50,28,473	(50,28,473)
		<b>74,50,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,28,473</b>	<b>24,22,112</b>
	<b>Previous Year</b>	<b>61,97,067</b>	<b>12,53,518</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,50,585</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Trade Payables</b>			<b>As at March 31, 2023 ₹</b>	<b>As at March 31, 2022 ₹</b>
	Total outstanding dues of micro, small and medium enterprises (Refer Note - 21)			-	-
	Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro, small and medium enterprises			15,13,223	10,31,267
				<b>15,13,223</b>	<b>10,31,267</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>			<b>As at March 31, 2023 ₹</b>	<b>As at March 31, 2022 ₹</b>
	Statutory Liabilities			17,65,540	8,15,203
	Expenses Payable			4,59,748	1,77,507
				<b>22,25,288</b>	<b>9,92,710</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Provisions</b>			<b>As at March 31, 2023 ₹</b>	<b>As at March 31, 2022 ₹</b>
	Provision for Gratuity	15,95,453	10,69,972	-	-
	Provision for Income Tax	-	-	9,78,036	9,78,037
		<b>15,95,453</b>	<b>10,69,972</b>	<b>9,78,036</b>	<b>9,78,037</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Deferred Tax Assets</b>			<b>As at March 31, 2023 ₹</b>	<b>As at March 31, 2022 ₹</b>
	Tax impact of expenses charged in financial statements but allowable as deductions in future years under Income Tax Act, 1961			3,82,749	2,56,686
				<b>3,82,749</b>	<b>2,56,686</b>
	Deferred taxes (Credited)/Charged to statement of Income and Expenditure			(1,26,063)	(2,56,686)
<b>9</b>	<b>Trade Receivables</b>			<b>As at March 31, 2023 ₹</b>	<b>As at March 31, 2022 ₹</b>
	Outstanding for a period exceeding six months from the date they are due for payment				
	Unsecured, considered good			-	-
	Other receivables				
	Unsecured, considered good			33,76,941	18,16,414
				<b>33,76,941</b>	<b>18,16,414</b>



7 Fixed Assets

PARTICULARS	FY 2021-22										FY 2022-23				Amount (₹)	
	GROSS BLOCK					DEPRECIATION					NET BLOCK					NET BLOCK WDV AS AT 31.03. 2023
	W.D.V AS ON 01.04. 2021	ADDITION BEFORE 03.10. 2021	ADDITION AFTER 03.10. 2021	SALES/ ADJUST MENT	W.D.V. AS ON 31.03. 2022	FOR THE YEAR 2022	SALES/ ADJUST MENT	AS AT 31.03. 2022	WDV AS AT 31.03. 2022	ADDITION BEFORE 03.10. 2022	ADDITION AFTER 03.10. 2022	SALES/ ADJUST MENT	W.D.V. AS ON 31.03. 2023	FOR THE YEAR 2023	SALES/ ADJUST MENT	
COMPUTERS & ACCESSORIES	94,204	-	-	-	94,204	37,682	-	56,522	1,12,356	-	-	1,68,878	67,551	-	67,551	1,01,327
OFFICE EQUIPMENTS	63,317	-	-	-	63,317	9,498	-	53,819	74,656	14,947	-	1,43,422	20,392	-	20,392	1,23,030
FURNITURE AND FITTING	46,468	-	-	-	46,468	4,647	-	41,821	-	-	-	41,821	4,182	-	4,182	37,639
BUILDING RENOVATION	2,72,998	-	-	-	2,72,998	27,300	-	2,45,698	-	-	-	2,45,698	24,570	-	24,570	2,21,128
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,76,987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,76,987</b>	<b>79,127</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,97,860</b>	<b>1,87,012</b>	<b>14,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,99,819</b>	<b>1,16,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,16,695</b>	<b>4,83,124</b>





	As at March 31, 2023 ₹	As at March 31, 2022 ₹
<b>10 Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash in Hand	4,845	1,070
Balances in Bank Accounts	15,09,906	71,67,150
	<b>15,14,751</b>	<b>71,68,220</b>
<b>11 Short Term Loan and advances</b>		
Advance Tax & TDS	13,93,859	8,63,080
GST Receivable	14,88,938	9,48,150
Advance to Suppliers	25,866	25,000
	<b>29,08,663</b>	<b>18,36,230</b>
<b>12 Other Current Assets</b>		
Prepaid Expenses	67,884	47,161
	<b>67,884</b>	<b>47,161</b>



		Amount (₹) For the year ended March 31, 2023	Amount (₹) For the year ended March 31, 2022
<b>13</b>	<b>Revenue from Operations</b>		
	Grants Received	69,09,227	68,14,052
	Fees and Subscriptions	3,34,78,950	2,20,09,202
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,03,88,177</b>	<b>2,88,23,254</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Other income</b>		
	Interest income on bank deposits	1,50,688	1,90,924
	Miscellaneous income	(6,197)	83,096
		<b>1,44,491</b>	<b>2,74,020</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Employee benefits expense</b>		
	Salaries, wages, bonus and other allowances	1,84,36,713	1,29,57,771
	Staff welfare expenses	2,90,479	-
		<b>1,87,27,192</b>	<b>1,29,57,771</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Finance cost</b>		
	Bank Charges	45,597	8,619
	Loss on foreign exchange transactions considered as finance cost (net)	2,11,527	77,293
	<b>Total Finance cost</b>	<b>2,57,124</b>	<b>85,912</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Depreciation and Amortization Expense</b>		
	Depreciation on Intangible Assets	-	-
	Depreciation on Tangible Assets	1,16,695	97,884
		<b>1,16,695</b>	<b>97,884</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Other Expenses</b>		
	Rent (refer note 26)	15,93,462	11,00,000
	Office Expenses	2,58,720	2,43,415
	Repair and maintenance:		
	-Office	-	-
	- Computer and hardware	89,598	29,501
	Workshop & Conference Expenses	80,89,524	9,64,025
	Consultation and legal charges	1,05,03,950	66,99,632
	Sponsorship Expenses	-	-
	Rates and taxes	72,141	4,581
	Traveling and conveyance	40,20,109	83,718
	Payment to auditor (refer details below)	85,000	60,000
	Printing /Printing	3,53,909	23,123
	Software expenses	-	1,73,841
	Website Designing, Hosting & Maintenance	6,34,604	-
	Communication & Outreach	8,85,074	1,64,602
	Miscellaneous expenses	102	-
		<b>2,65,86,193</b>	<b>95,46,438</b>
	<b>Payment to auditor</b>		
	As auditor:		
	-Statutory audit	85,000	60,000
	-Tax audit	-	-
		<b>85,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>





**19 Related Party Disclosures**

Key Management Personnel

Chief Executive Officer	Mr. Rijit Sengupta
Director (Programmes)	Mrs. Devyani Hari
Associate Director	Ms. Nandini Sharma

Particulars	Key Management Personnel	
	2022-23	2021-22
<b>Managerial Remuneration</b>		
Mr. Rijit Sengupta	29,70,160	26,03,105
Mrs. Devyani Hari	22,80,408	20,04,004
Ms. Nandini Sharma	20,73,720	18,86,410
<b>Year End Balances</b>		
(Recoverable From)/Payable to:		
Mr. Rijit Sengupta	-	-
Mrs. Devyani Hari	-	31,994

**20 Operating Leases**

The Society has taken the office premises under cancellable operating lease agreements. The Society intends to renew such leases in the normal course of business. Total rental expenses under cancellable operating leases amounted to Rs. 14,40,000 /- (previous year: Rs. 12,30,000/-). The same has been shown under Rent in other expenses in the Income and Expenditure. The Society has no non-cancellable operating leases during the year ended 31 March 2023.

**21 Details of dues to micro and small enterprises as defined under the MSMED Act, 2006**

The Society has not received information from vendors regarding their status under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 and hence disclosure relating to amounts unpaid as at March 31, 2023 together with interest paid / payable under this Act has not been given.

22 Previous year figures have been regrouped, wherever considered necessary

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