

Minutes of the 1st CSR Council Meeting held at 10:30 AM on December 20, 2017 under chairmanship of Chief Secretary in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall, Odisha Secretariat.

Chief Secretary was in the chair. The list of participants is attached in the Annexure to these minutes.

Principal Secretary, Industries made a presentation and provided an overview of the CSR spending in the State during the period 2014-17, based on the information uploaded by various corporates on the CSR portal. A demonstration of the CSR Portal, **GO CARE** (Government of Odisha- CSR Administration and Responsive Engagement) was made to the participants.

The following key points were discussed and decisions taken:

1. 50 companies falling under the purview of statutory requirements, as received from RoC, Cuttack, have uploaded information regarding their CSR projects on the GO CARE portal. The balance 38 companies may be reminded. 50 other companies and 36 mining lessees have also uploaded the information.
2. As per the information uploaded on the portal by the Corporates, a sum of Rs.1426 crores has been spent by the corporates on CSR activities in Odisha from April 2014 till date. 93% of the CSR spending is currently concentrated in only 10 districts of the State. To reduce disparity in spending across districts, the Corporates were advised to also take up projects in less developed districts of the State.

87% of the CSR spend has been taken up in 3 sectors viz, Education & Skill Development, Rural Development and Healthcare. Significant variation was observed in category-wise CSR spending over the past 3 years. It was discussed that institutionalization of CSR activities and periodic review will help in reducing such variations.

3. It was decided to recommend all the projects provided by various Districts and Line Departments for consideration of the Corporates. Going forward, to promote projects in priority districts and create a visible impact, projects of value Rs.5 lakh and above in 11 KBK+ districts (*Balangir, Boudh, Gajapati, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nawarangpur,*

Nuapada, Rayagada and Sonepur) and value of Rs.10 lakhs and above in other 19 districts will be considered for recommendation by the Council, subject to the condition that the projects fall under the provisions of Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013. In view of this, the district administrations shall be encouraged to club small projects and make them sizeable, impactful and outcome oriented.

4. The district administrations and departments are also free to upload additional projects for consideration and recommendation by the CSR Council. It was decided that MSME and Sports and Youth Affairs Departments will also be asked to upload projects for consideration.
5. Funds under District Mineral Foundation (DMF) and Odisha Mineral Bearing Areas Development Corporation (OMBADC) are being released for the nine districts of Angul, Dhenakanal, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Keonjhar, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Rayagada and Sundergarh. The Corporates should volunteer to take CSR projects in other 21 districts in key areas such as education, sanitation, drinking water, healthcare and rural development.
6. It will be clarified from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India if CSR funds provided by a Corporate to a Government Department for implementation of a project that meets Schedule VII guidelines will qualify as an eligible CSR spend.

These minutes are issued with the approval of Chief Secretary.



Principal Secretary
Industries Department