



D.O. No.11/02/2021-CSR

Dear Secretary,

With the enforcement of Companies Act, 2013, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) provision under Section 135 has become applicable for companies meeting certain thresholds defined in the Act. The mandate for CSR spend, requiring such companies to spend two percent of their average net profit on approved CSR activities, has now become a part of corporate governance in the country. Schedule VII of the Act, lists the areas in which CSR activities may be undertaken by the companies. With the notification of Section 135 and Corporate Social Responsibility Policy Rules, 2014 on 27th February 2014, the CSR provisions came into force with effect from 1st April 2014. After the enactment, a large number of companies have carried out developmental activities which are transforming the lives of people.

2. Ministry of Corporate Affairs has instituted National CSR Awards (NCSRA) to recognize companies for their CSR interventions that have made a transformative impact on society. First National CSR Awards was successfully carried out in 2019, winning and honourable mention companies were conferred awards in different categories in the presence of Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs and Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs on 29th October 2019. The process of the second cycle of the awards has also been completed and the awards ceremony is to be convened in near future.

3. With this background, this Ministry has announced the third cycle of National CSR Awards (NCSRA 2022), which also seeks to recognize outstanding CSR projects/ programmes in following three categories as per scheme of NCSRA 2022:

- i. Four awards for excellence in CSR, based on CSR spend
- ii. Five awards for CSR projects in Aspirational Districts / Difficult Terrains; and
- iii. Eleven Awards for CSR projects in National Priority Areas
(One award in each of the above category is reserved for MSME only).

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4. The Scheme of National CSR Awards authorizes following entities to make nominations under the given categories:

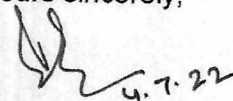
- Ministries / Departments of Government of India;
- State Governments & Union Territories;
- Professional Institutions: ICSI, ICAI, ICoAI; and
- National Level Trade and Industry Bodies/Chambers such as: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME), Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), Laghu Udyog Bharti, IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and India SME Forum.

5. According to the scheme, a designated nominating organization can nominate up to maximum 60 nominations (20 in each main category of awards). A copy of the **Guidance Note for Nominating Organizations along with the Scheme of Award i.e. NCSRA 2022** is attached for ready reference. Nominations are open online on National CSR Portal www.csr.gov.in and the last date for submission of nomination is 31.07.2022.

6. In view of the above, you are requested to nominate eligible companies for their outstanding CSR projects/ programmes as per the scheme of National CSR Awards-2022 on National CSR Portal (www.csr.gov.in). The user id and the password for accessing the said portal will be communicated separately through email/ speed post by Nodal Officer, NCSRA. For any further assistance, your good office may kindly contact Dr. Niraj Gupta, Nodal Officer, NCSRA (0124-2640195, niraj.gupta@gov.in) or Dr. Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager, NCSRA (0124-2640033, national.csrawards@mca.gov.in).

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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To,

All Secretaries of Government of India