

# **APOLLO PHARMACIES LIMITED**

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# 1. TITLE AND APPLICABILITY

**Apollo Pharmacies Limited** ('APL/ the Company') has developed its Corporate SocialResponsibility Policy ('Policy') in accordance with section 135 of the Companies Act 2013 and the Rules made there under.

# 2. CSR VISION STATEMENT

Creating Wellness.

# 3. CSR MISSION STATEMENT

- Create a meaningful and lasting impact on the communities in remote areas by helpingthem transcend barriers of socio-economic development.
- Extending Comprehensive Integrated Healthcare Services to the community.
- Develop the skills of the youth through high quality education and research in healthcare services.

# 4. CSR OBJECTIVES

- The Company will undertake social projects in designated areas, in a focused manner, for maximum positive impact.
- In consultation with the local community, the Company will design and effectively implement projects in areas such as healthcare, rural development, education and skills development.
- Promote preventive healthcare to the most remote corners of the country.
- Making quality healthcare accessible and affordable for all.
- Develop and implement the education, healthcare, water and sanitation, infrastructure development and elderly care projects for sustainable socio-economic development of the rural areas.
- Develop the skills of the youth by setting up educational institutions, improving infrastructure of the existing institutes, providing scholarships for deserving students and promoting research in the healthcare services sector.



# 5. VALIDITY OF CSR POLICY

The Board may amend the CSR policy as may be required from time to time.

# 6. CSR PROGRAMME AREAS

The Company will focus primarily on the following programmes:

# A. Rural Development

The Company aims to create a meaningful and lasting impact on the communities inremote areas by helping them transcend barriers of socio-economic development.

A Model of Integrated Healthcare Service will be established to improve the health of communities through:

- Access to quality education for youth
- Educate and train ASHA workers, nurses, midwives, etc. in delivery of Comprehensive Healthcare
- Promotion of Research in Healthcare
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles
- Access to drinking Water
- Access to Sanitation
- Developing infrastructure facilities for socio-economic development
- Elderly care
- Slum area development

The programme will bridge the gap by uniting the Governmental Efforts with the Industry and Peoples Participation.

# B. Healthcare

The Company intends to touch a billion lives by reaching out to people from every walk of life to help them stay healthy. The objective is to promote wellness and not treatment.

In line with this, under its CSR focus the company will aim to promote preventive healthcare in the most remote corners of the country with the aim of making quality healthcare accessible & affordable for all. To do this the Company will:

- Promote preventive healthcare through awareness campaigns in rural as well as urban areas
- Conduct free screening and diagnostics camps as part of promotion of preventive healthcare
- Provide free treatment including emergency care, ambulance support, consultation, investigation and pharmacy at identified locations and camps for the benefit of marginalized and disadvantaged
- Committee of experts will accept, review and approve the applications for free treatment with predefined criteria. The selection criteria can include:
  - Below Poverty Line OR Antyodaya card holder
  - Patients under palliative care
  - Natural calamity affected citizen
  - Differently abled individuals



- Patients needing emergency healthcare

# C. Education and Skills Development

The Company will develop the skills of the youth through high quality Education in Paramedical and Allied Services and Research in Healthcare.

High quality Education in Paramedical and Allied Services will be provided by setting up educational institutions, improving infrastructure of the existing institutes and providing scholarships to the meritorious students from underprivileged and economically weaker communities.

Promoting education, including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, women, elderly and the differently abled and livelihood enhancement projects.

### D. Promote Research in Healthcare

The Company will promote Research and disseminate information on latest technology and trends in Healthcare sector.

- **E.** Eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting health care including preventive health care and sanitation, including contribution to the Swach Bharat Kosh set-up by the Central Government for the promotion of sanitation and making available safe drinking water;
- **F.** 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;
- **G.** 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;
- **H.** 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;
- I. Measures for the benefit of armed forces veterans, war widows and their dependents, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Central Para Military Forces (CPMF) veterans, and their dependents including widows;
- **J.** Training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, Paralympics sports and Olympic sports;
- **K.** Contribution to Prime Minister's Relief Fund or Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM CARES Fund) or any other fund set up by the Central Government for socio economic development and relief and welfare of the schedule caste, tribes, other backward classes, minorities and women;
- L. Contribution to incubators or research and development projects in the field of science, technology, engineering and medicine, funded by the Central Government or State Government or Public Sector Undertaking or any agency of the Central Government or State Government.



- M. Contributions to public funded Universities; Indian Institute of Technology (IITs); National Laboratories and autonomous bodies established under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE); Department of Biotechnology (DBT); Department of Science and Technology (DST); Department of Pharmaceuticals; Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and other bodies, namely Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO); Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), engaged in conducting research in science, technology, engineering and medicine aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- N. Disaster management, including relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.

# 7. CSR BUDGET

- The Board of Company shall ensure that in each financial year, the Company spends at least 2% of the average net profit made during the immediate three preceding financial years.
- The unutilized CSR obligation from the 2% of the average net profit will be parked in a CSR Fund (Corpus) created by the company. This Fund would also include any income arising therefrom and any surplus arising out of CSR activities.
- In case of any surplus arising out of CSR projects the same shall not form part of businessprofits of the Company.

# 8. CSR IMPLEMENTATION

- The CSR projects will be implemented in a time-bound manner with clear objectives, plan, targets and robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.
- The Company's ongoing CSR projects will be aligned to the Policy. This Policy builds on the learnings and good practices of the CSR projects initiated by the Company.
- The Company will enter into partnerships with the government, not for profit organizations, business partners and communities to create multiplier effect of its social projects.
- The Company may set up dedicated teams for implementation of CSR projects. The mode of implementation may include either a combination of direct implementation or implementation through trust/foundation/society set up by the Company and partners such as Foundations, Registered Societies, Trusts, etc. The Company will select its partners after appropriate due diligence.
- The Company will use services of expert agencies, consultancy firms etc. wherever required for carrying out baseline surveys, guidance on project design and implementation, third-party monitoring and evaluations, impact assessment surveys etc.



# 9. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

# A. The Board

The Board of Directors of the Company will be responsible for:

- Approval of the CSR Policy of the Company
- Disclosing the content of the Policy in its Report and place the Policy on the Company's website, if any, in such a manner as prescribed under Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013 read with the CSR Rules.
- Ensuring that the social projects included in the Policy are undertaken by the Company.
- Ensuring that the Company spends, in every financial year, at least 2% of the average net profits of the Company made during the three immediately preceding financial years in pursuance of the Policy.
- Ensuring that the Company gives preference to the local areas around its operations for spending the amount earmarked for CSR projects.
- Ensuring that it specifies the reasons in its report for not spending the earmarked amount in case the Company fails to spend such amount.
- Preparation of Annual Report on the CSR in the prescribed format as per the Companies Act, 2013.

### **B.** CSR Committee

■ Composition of the CSR committee: The composition of the CSR Committee of the Board is as under.

S. No.	Name	Category	CSR Committee
1.	Mr. S. Obul Reddy	Managing Director	Chairman
2.	Mr. D. Venkata Chalam	Non-Executive Director	Member
3.	Ms. Mrinalini Reddy	Non-Executive Director	Member

The Board shall have the power to make any change(s) in the constitution of the Committee.

# Responsibility of the CSR Committee:

- Formulate and recommend the CSR Policy to the Board for approval. The Committee shall indicate the projects to be undertaken by the Company as specified in Schedule VII:
- Monitor the Policy from time to time and recommend changes to the Board;
- Recommend the amount of expenditure to be incurred on CSR projects;



- Institute a transparent monitoring mechanism for ensuring implementation of the social projects undertaken by the Company;
- To recommend to the Board an Annual Action Plan;
- To Recommend to the Board of directors to abandon or modify ongoing project;
- Satisfying itself that the funds disbursed to entities for CSR activities have been utilized for the purposes and in the manner as approved by it;
- Carry out such other activities as are incidental for implementing the CSR projects in line with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2013; and
- To carry out all other activities as informed or delegated by the Board of Directors from time to time

# 10. MONITORING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

# **Project monitoring**

The Company will institute a well-defined monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure that each social project has:

- Clear objectives developed out of the societal needs that are determined through baselinestudies and research
- Clear targets, timelines and measureable parameters wherever possible
- A progress monitoring and reporting framework that is aligned with the requirements of Section
   135 of the Companies Act and the CSR Rules
- The Company shall undertake impact assessment of its CSR projects/programs, if any, as required under the Act, through an independent agency.

The CSR progress monitoring authorities and the frequency of review is given below

Sr. No.	CSR Progress Review and Monitoring Authority	Frequency of review
1	Board of Directors	Yearly
2	CSR Committee	Yearly

### **CSR Annual Action Plan**

Every year, the CSR Committee will place for the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company, an annual CSR Action Plan (hereinafter referred to as 'CSR Plan') delineating the CSR Programmes to be carried out during the financial year, including the budgets thereof, their manner of execution, implementation schedules, modalities of utilization of funds, and monitoring & reporting mechanism for



the CSR Programmes. The Board will consider and approve the CSR Plan with such modification that may be deemed necessary.

# **Budget monitoring**

The Company will establish an accounting system to ensure project wise accounting of CSR spend.

# Reporting framework

The Company will monitor progress on CSR projects and CSR spend and report to the top management yearly and the CSR Committee half yearly.

The Company will report CSR performance in its Annual Report as per the structure and format prescribed in the notified CSR Rules.

# 11. AMENDMENT

This policy may be reviewed and amended by the Board of Directors of the Company from time to time.

# 12. DISCLOSURE

All disclosures, display and reporting requirement related to CSR shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Rules made thereunder.

APL's CSR Policy was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at the Meeting held on March 16, 2022.

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