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To,

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Subject: Consideration of contribution to Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) by the Corporates as CSR activity-regarding

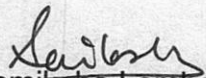
Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No. 914/OSDMA dated 06/05/2019 from Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) regarding consideration of contribution received by OSDMA from the Corporates for building the disaster resilient infrastructure as CSR activity.

2. In this regard, it is informed that Rules 4(b) of Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 provides that the Board of a Company may undertake CSR activities through, inter alia, a registered society established by the Central Government or State Government or any entity established under an Act of Parliament or a State legislature.

3. Since, OSDMA is a Government of Odisha promoted society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860, it is an eligible entity to receive CSR funds for undertaking any activity covered under Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013, which includes relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities as part of disaster management in terms of liberal interpretation. Accordingly, as per the extant rules, OSDMA is eligible to receive CSR contribution and undertake CSR activities as an implementing agency. Further, the MCA's General Circular No. 21 of 2014 in para (7) gives a few illustrative activities listed in Schedule VII of the Act that cover disaster relief.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.


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