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REPORT & ACCOUNTS

For the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2025

Kolkata **2025**

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The Managing Committee (Elected Members)

President :

Mr. Arnab Basu

President Designate :

Mr. Abhijit Roy

Senior Vice President :

Mr. Abhijit Banerjee

Vice President :

Mr. Navanit Narayan

Immediate Past President (Ex-Officio) :

Mr. Gautam Ray

Other Elected Members :

Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri
Mr. Alok Gupta
Mr. Aninda Chatterjee
Mr. Ardhendu Mandal
Mr. Ashish Anupam
Mr. Avijit Das
Mr. Binod Kumar Homagai
Dr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya
Mr. Debashis Dutta
Mr. Debarshi Duttgupta
Mr. Dhruva Mukherjee
Mr. Dinesh Shastri
Mr. Dip Narayan Mittra
Mr. Gopal Krishna Sharan
Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty

Mr. Jitendra Kumar
Mr. K K Bagchi
Mr. Kartikaye Krishna
Mr. Manojit Sengupta
Ms. Manoshi Roychowdhury
Mr. Navarun Sen
Mr. Nazeeb Arif
Mr. Pradeep Kumar Dixit
Mr. Prasanta Kumar Dutt
Mr. Pulak Chamaria
Mr. Rabindranath Lahiri
Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta
Mr. Rajiv Ghosh
Mr. Ratan Kesh

Mr. Sanjiv Shrivastava
Mr. Satyam Roychowdhury
Mr. Simarpreet Singh
Mr. Somesh Dasgupta
Dr. Suborno Bose
Mr. Subhas Chandra Agarwalla
Mr. Subrata De
Mr. Subrata Dutta
Mr. Supriyo Ghosh
Mr. Suryanil Ghosh
Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee
Mr. Timir Baran Chatterjee
Mr. Vineet Sikka
Mr. Vivek Jalan

Director General :

Mr. Subhodip Ghosh

Auditors :

Dutta Ghosh & Associates
Chartered Accountants,
4, Rippon Street, Kolkata – 700 016

Bankers :

Canara Bank
6, N S Road,
Kolkata – 700 001

Registered Office :

Royal Exchange,
6, N S Road, Kolkata – 700 001
CIN : U67120WB1893NPL000761

Solicitors & Advocates :

Victor Moses and Company
6, Old Post Office Street,
Ground Floor, Kolkata – 700 001

THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**REPORT OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025**

Your Managing Committee is pleased to present their Report for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2025.

1. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Audited Financial Statements of The Chamber for the year ended 31st March 2025 are attached. The year's results from activities of General Public Utility, reflect an excess of Income over Expenditure of ₹ 1,44,93,252.00, after making provision for doubtful debts of ₹ 11,70,282.00.

An accumulated excess of Expenditure over Income (owing primarily to the payment of arrears property tax) of ₹ 2,53,74,736.00 was brought forward from previous years and after adjusting the excess of Income over Expenditure of ₹ 1,44,93,252.00 (from Activities of General Public Utility) and along with Capital Reserve, Revaluation Reserve and General Reserve totalling ₹ 1,67,66,692.00, for the year, shows a credit balance of ₹ 58,85,208.00 which is reflected under Reserves & Surplus in the Balance Sheet.

To accomplish its objective of performing activities for General Public Utility, The Chamber has structured its services for adding more values for promotion and protection of Trade & Industry.

2. MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the Financial Year (FY) 2024-2025, The Chamber had held eleven Managing Committee Meetings.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

As required under Section 134(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act'), your Committee Members confirm :

- a) In the preparation of the annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards have been followed and material departures thereto, if any, have been explained;
- b) The Committee Members have selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The Chamber at the end of the Financial Year on 31st March 2025 and of the income over expenditure of The Chamber for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2025;
- c) The Committee Members have taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of The Chamber and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- d) The Committee Members have prepared the annual accounts on a going concern basis; and
- e) The Committee Members have devised proper systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and that such systems are adequate and are operating effectively.

4. CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION

The particulars as required under the provisions of Section 134(3) (m) of the Act in respect of conservation of

energy and technology absorption have not been furnished, considering the nature of activities undertaken by The Chamber.

The Chamber however appreciates the need to conserve energy though energy consumption by The Chamber is insignificant. Based on recommendations of energy auditor, Enfragy Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (appointed in 2014) and EESL (a JV of PSUs under the Ministry of Power, Government of India), appointed thereafter for implementation, resulted in energy savings in lighting and cooling. Energy Audit was conducted by Certified Energy Auditor from CESC Limited during 2023-2024. All energy appliances are purchased in sync with energy conservation goals and energy consumption is also rationalized appropriately.

5. STATUTORY AUDITORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 139 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Act, read with the Companies (Audit & Auditors) Rules 2014, including any modification or re-enactment thereof, at the 170th Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Members have approved the appointment of M/s. Dutta Ghosh & Associates, Chartered Accountants – Registration Number 309088E, to hold office as the Statutory Auditors of The Chamber till the conclusion of the 175th AGM to be held in 2029 at an annual audit fee of ₹ 2,25,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Five thousand only) to conduct the audit of The Chamber. The Statutory Auditors have given their written consent and provided the Consent and Certificate to The Chamber as required under Section 139 read with Section 141 of the Act.

Report of the Statutory Auditors, including reference made therein to the Notes forming part of the Financial Statements, are self-explanatory. There are no qualifications or reservations made by the Auditors in their Report.

6. CHANGES IN THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

At the 170th Annual General Meeting dated 27th September 2024, the Managing Committee was reconstituted with a total of 46 Elected Members.

In the newly constituted Managing Committee after the AGM, at its meeting on 27th September 2024, Mr Ratan Kesh was co-opted as a Member of the Managing Committee. Mr Aninda Chatterjee was co-opted on 27th March 2025 as a Member of the Managing Committee.

Necessary Forms were filed with ROC, Kolkata and all formalities were complied with.

All Committee Members are liable to retire at the forthcoming AGM as per the Articles of Association of The Chamber.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS

The Chamber has in place defined Risk Management Framework to identify, assess, monitor and mitigate various risks. The Chamber also has implemented Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in diverse areas to further strengthen internal controls.

The responsibility for management of risks vests with the Director General, who as Chief Executive Officer and the Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) of The Chamber, supported by Secretariat officers and staff, is responsible for day-to-day conduct of the affairs of The Chamber. The Chamber has in place adequate financial controls with respect to the Financial Statements commensurate with its size and scale of operations, which has also been endorsed by the Statutory Auditors in their Report.

8. PARTICULARS OF LOANS, GUARANTEES OR INVESTMENTS

The Chamber had availed a Term Loan of ₹ 8,93,00,000.00 from Canara Bank (as mentioned in the Financial Statements and Notes thereon for the Year Ended 31st March 2021). During the financial year 2024-2025, total amount of Principal paid back was ₹ 59,52,000.00 and payment towards Interest incurred was ₹ 82,62,063.00.

9. FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNING AND OUTGO

During the year under review, foreign exchange earning was ₹ 32,96,994.00 and foreign exchange outgo was ₹ 26,17,943.00. While converting the same from Foreign Currency to INR the applicable accounting standards have been complied with.

10. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

None of the officers and employees of The Chamber is covered by the provisions in Rule 5(2) of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014.

11. SIGNIFICANT AND MATERIAL ORDERS PASSED BY THE REGULATORS / COURTS / TRIBUNALS

The same have been represented in the Notes on Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025, in point no 30 as Notes on Tax Matters.

No other significant or material orders have been passed by the Regulators/Courts /Tribunals impacting the going concern status of The Chamber and its future operations.

12. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Chamber has also requested corporates which are undertaking CSR expenditures as mandated by the Companies Act 2013, for earmarking the restoration of the "Royal Exchange" heritage premises (Grade I Heritage Property) of The Bengal Chamber as an eligible CSR activity. Schedule-VII of Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 encapsulates the activities eligible for CSR spending. Point 5 of Schedule VII of Section 135 of the Act includes activities relating to "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" as CSR activities. Since The Bengal Chamber's Royal Exchange Building is Grade I Heritage building declared by KMC, the maintenance and restoration of the Building counts as a CSR activity. Corporates mandated to spend towards CSR activities may direct a part or their full spending towards restoration of the heritage premises of The Bengal Chamber, which is a building of historical importance. During the Financial Year (FY)2024-2025, The Bengal Chamber received ₹ 10,00,000.00 from Corporates as CSR Funds, which was utilized by The Bengal Chamber towards renovation and maintenance of its Grade – I Heritage Property. All appropriate documentation including the issuance of utilization certificates to corporate donors were complied with.

13. ANNUAL RETURN

Pursuant to section 92(3) read with Section 134(3) (a) of the Companies Act, the Annual Return as on 31st March 2024 is available on the website of The Chamber at the link :
<https://bengalchamber.com/accts/bcci-annual-accounts-2024-2025.pdf>

14. COST RECORDS

The maintenance of Cost Records u/s 148(1) of the Act is not applicable to The Chamber.

15. DISCLOSURE UNDER THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE (PREVENTION, PROHIBITION AND REDRESSAL) ACT, 2013

Your Chamber has zero tolerance towards any sexual harassment at the workplace. In line with the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and the Rules thereunder, The Chamber has in place an Internal Complaints Committee for conducting inquiry into any complaints received on harassments at the workplace. During the year under review, there were no complaints received by the Internal Complaints Committee.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee places on record the support received from all the Members towards the development of The Chamber. The Committee also places on record its appreciation for the services rendered by all employees and for their continued commitment despite the challenging times.

For and on behalf of the Managing Committee.

(Subhodip Ghosh)
Director General

(Abhijit Roy)
President Designate

(Arnab Basu)
President

Enclosed : As above.
Place : Kolkata
Date : 8th August 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT To the Members of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry ("the Chamber"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2025, the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended, and a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Chamber as at 31st March, 2025 and surplus and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013. 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 Association in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Chamber's Management is responsible for the matters stated in Section 134(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") with respect to the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Association in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Chamber and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Chamber'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 Chamber or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Management is also responsible for overseeing the Chamber's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3)(i) of the Companies Act, 2013, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Chamber has internal financial controls system in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
- 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 Chamber'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 Chamber to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

1. In view of the non-applicability of the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2016 ("the Order"), issued by the Central Government in terms of section 143(11) of the Act, to the Chamber, the requirements of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the said Order have not been dealt with in the report.
2. As required by section 143(3) of the Act, we report that :
 - (a) we have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.

- (b) in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Chamber so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
- (c) the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Cash Flow Statement dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.
- (d) in our opinion, the aforesaid financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act, read with Rule 7 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014.
- (e) on the basis of the written representations received from the Managing Committee Members as on 31st March, 2025 and taken on record by the Managing Committee, none of the Managing Committee Members is disqualified as on 31st March, 2025 from being appointed as a Managing Committee Member in terms of Section 164(2) of the Act.
- (f) with respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls over financial reporting of the Chamber and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate report in "Annexure A"; and
- (g) with respect to the other matters included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
 - i. The Chamber does not have any pending litigations which would impact its financial position.
 - ii. The Chamber does not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts for which there were any material foreseeable losses.
 - iii. There were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Chamber.
 - iv. (1) The management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, other than as disclosed in the notes to the accounts, no funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Chamber to or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, whether, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Chamber ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;

(2) The management has represented, that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, other than as disclosed in the notes to the accounts, no funds have been received by the Chamber from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the company shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries; and

(3) Based on audit procedures which we considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub-clause (1) and (2) contain any material mis-statement.
- v. The Chamber is a company registered u/s 8 of Companies Act 2013 and does not have Share Capital. Hence provision of section 123 of the Companies Act, 2013 is not applicable.

- vi. Based on our examination which included test checks, the company has used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility for all relevant transactions recorded in the software. Further, during the course of our audit we did not come across any instance of audit trail feature being tampered with.

Preservation of audit trail has been done as per the statutory requirements for record retention.

- (h) With respect to the matter to be included in the Auditors' Report under Section 197(16) of the Act, in our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us, the limit prescribed by section 197 for maximum permissible managerial remuneration is not applicable to the Chamber.

For and on behalf of
Dutta Ghosh & Associates
Chartered Accountants
FRN : 309088E

Place : Kolkata
Date : 8th August 2025

Dipak Kumar Dutta
Partner
Membership number: 016333
UDIN : 25016333BMLKCC2233

ANNEXURE TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT OF EVEN DATE ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Report on the Internal Financial Controls under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act")

We have audited the Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting of **The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry** ("the Chamber") as of 31st March 2025 in conjunction with our audit of the Financial Statements of the Chamber for the year ended on that date.

Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

The Chamber's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Chamber considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to Chamber's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Companies Act, 2013.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Chamber's internal financial controls over financial reporting based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting (the "Guidance Note") and the Standards on Auditing as specified under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both applicable to an audit of Internal Financial Controls and both issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls over financial reporting with reference to these financial statements was established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls over financial reporting with reference to these financial statements and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls over financial reporting with reference to these financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the internal financial controls over financial reporting with reference to these financial statements.

Meaning of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting

The Chamber's internal financial control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Chamber's internal financial control over financial

reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Chamber; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Chamber are being made only in accordance with authorisation of management and Managing Committee of the Chamber; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the Chamber's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control over financial reporting may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Chamber has, in all material respects, adequate internal financial controls over financial reporting with reference to these financial statements and such internal financial controls over financial reporting with reference to these financial statements were operating effectively as at 31st March, 2025, based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Association considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

For and on behalf of
Dutta Ghosh & Associates
Chartered Accountants
FRN : 309088E

Place : Kolkata
Date : 8th August 2025

Dipak Kumar Dutta
Partner
Membership number: 016333
UDIN : 25016333BMLKCC2233

Incorporated as a Company, Under Section 26 of the Companies Act, 1882

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2025

Particulars	Note No.	Amount in ₹ 000	Amount in ₹ 000
		As at 31 st March, 2025	As at 31 st March, 2024
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Shareholders' Funds			
a) Reserves and Surplus	2	5,885	(9,389)
Non Current Liabilities			
a) Long Term Borrowings	3	59,540	65,492
b) Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net)	4	-	-
c) Other Long Term Liabilities	5	5,432	5,845
d) Long Term Provisions	6	5,569	4,327
Current Liabilities			
a) Short Term Borrowings	7	5,952	5,952
b) Trade Payables	8	11,172	9,279
c) Other Current Liabilities	9	15,735	6,518
d) Short Term Provisions	10	97	77
TOTAL		109,382	88,101
ASSETS			
Non Current Assets			
a) Property, Plant & Equipments	11	21,776	8,572
b) Long Term Loans & Advances	12	5,002	2,858
c) Other Non Current Assets	13	10,262	11,838
		-	-
		-	-
Current Assets			
a) Inventories	14	286	339
b) Trade Receivables	15	38,393	28,068
c) Cash & Cash Equivalent	16	28,290	33,710
d) Short Term Loans & Advances	17	4,628	1,780
e) Other Current Assets	18	745	936
TOTAL		109,382	88,101

Significant Accounting Policies
Notes on Accounts

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Notes 1 to 34 form integral part of Financial Statements.
In terms of our attached report of even date.

For Dutta Ghosh & Associates
Chartered Accountants
(FRN 309088E)

(Dipak Kumar Dutta)
Partner
Membership No. 016333

(Subhodip Ghosh)
Director General

(Abhijit Roy)
President Designate

(Arnab Basu)
President

Place : Kolkata
Date : 08.08.2025

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2025

Particulars	Note No.	Amount in ₹ 000	
		FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Income			
Total Revenue	19	58,996	48,061
Other Income	20	34,840	32,826
Total Revenue		93,836	80,887
Expenses			
Manpower cost	21	45,404	35,861
Energy Cost	22	1,588	1,646
Repair & Maintenance	23	2,218	1,959
Cost of Security Services	24	4,378	4,236
Other Costs	25	16,332	12,934
Finance Cost	26	8,263	8,827
Depreciation & Amortization Expenses	27	1,160	867
Total Expenses		79,343	66,330
Excess of Income over Expenditure before Exceptional and extraordinary items and Tax		14,493	14,557
Excess of Income over expenditure before Tax			
Tax Expense :			
Less : (Current Tax) / Recovery of Tax			
Less : Deferred Tax Assets / (Liability)		-	
Excess of Income over Expenditure after tax		14,493	14,557
Significant Accounting Policies	1		
Notes on Accounts	2 to 34		

Notes 1 to 34 form integral part of Financial Statements.
In terms of our attached report of even date.

For Dutta Ghosh & Associates
Chartered Accountants
(FRN 309088E)

(Dipak Kumar Dutta)
Partner
Membership No. 016333

(Subhodip Ghosh)
Director General

(Abhijit Roy)
President Designate

(Arnab Basu)
President

Place : Kolkata
Date : 08.08.2025

Incorporated as a Company, Under Section 26 of the Companies Act, 1882

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2025

Particulars	31 st March, 2025	31 st March, 2025	31 st March, 2024	31 st March, 2024
	Amount in ₹ 000	Amount in ₹ 000	Amount in ₹ 000	Amount in ₹ 000
(A) Cash Flow from Operating Activities				
Excess of Income over Expenditure before tax		14,493		14,557
Adjustment for				
Depreciation	1,160		867	
Interest on Income Tax Refund received	(1,515)		-	
Interest Income	(1,686)		(2,082)	
Interest paid on Loan	8,262		8,827	
Provisions for Gratuity	965		650	
Provisions for Leave Encashment	383		116	
		7,569		8,378
Excess of Income over Expenditure before Working Capital Changes		22,063		22,935
(Increase) / Decrease in Inventory	53		(281)	
(Increase) / Decrease in Accrued Interest on Bank Deposits	191		(81)	
(Increase) / Decrease in Trade Receivables	(10,325)		(3,812)	
(Increase) / Decrease in Short Term Loans and Advances	(2,848)		(592)	
Increase / (Decrease) in Current Liabilities	9,217		2,234	
Increase / (Decrease) in Trade Payables	1,893		(399)	
Entrance Fees received	800		550	
Refund of Income Tax	5,915	4,896		(2,381)
Cash generated from Operation		26,959		20,554
Income Tax paid	(4,338)	(4,338)	(4,115)	(4,115)
Net Cash from / (used in) Operating Activities		22,620		16,439
(B) Cash Flow From Investing Activities				
Purchases of Fixed Assets	(14,384)		(367)	
Interest received from Bank	1,686		2,082	
Interest on Income Tax Refund received	1,515		-	
Proceeds / (Repayment) of Long Term Loans & Advances	(2,143)		(225)	
Net cash from / (used in) Investing Activities		(13,326)		1,490
(C) Cash Flow from Financing Activities				
Proceeds / (Repayments) from Short Term Borrowings				
Proceeds / (Repayments) of Deposits	(413)		405	
Proceeds / (Repayments) of Long Term Loan	(5,952)		(5,952)	
Interest paid on Loan	(8,263)		(8,827)	
Repayment of Long Term Provision	(86)		(48)	
Net Cash from / (used in) Financing Activities		(14,714)		(14,422)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents (A+B+C)		(5,420)		3,507
Opening Cash & Cash Equivalents		33,710		30,203
Closing Cash & Cash Equivalents		28,290		33,710

The above Cash Flow Statement has been prepared under "Indirect Method" as set out in Accounting Standard 3 issued by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

In terms of our attached report of even date.

For Dutta Ghosh & Associates

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(FRN 309088E)

(Dipak Kumar Dutta)
Partner

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(Subhodip Ghosh)
Director General

(Abhijit Roy)
President Designate

(Arnab Basu)
President

Place : Kolkata

Date : 08.08.2025

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

1 Significant Accounting Policies

Some of the significant accounting policies are summarised below;

(a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by revaluation of certain fixed assets.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipments and Depreciation

Tangible Property, Plant and Equipments are stated at cost except for Land and Building which have been stated at revalued cost. Cost includes inward freight and incidental expenses related to acquisition and installation.

Since the dates of acquisition of many of the assets were not available with The Chamber which was necessary to determine the useful life of the assets, The Chamber, based on report of a professional valuer, determined the future useful life of its assets. Such useful life was adopted for calculation of depreciation on the assets under Companies Act 2013.

(c) Investments

Non current Investments (if any) are stated at cost.

(d) Inventories

Inventories representing Stock of Stores and liquor, are valued at cost or net realisable value, whichever is lower. Cost is calculated on FIFO basis and includes inward freight, duties, taxes. Where necessary, provision is made for obsolete, slow-moving and defective stocks.

(e) Employee Benefit

(i) Accrued liability for gratuity has been actuarially determined on Projected Unit Credit Actuarial Method and provided for in these Accounts.

(ii) Leave encashment benefits on retirement has been actuarially determined on Projected Unit Credit Actuarial Method and provided for in these Accounts.

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

Particulars	Amount in ₹ 000	Amount in ₹ 000
	As at 31 st March, 2025	As at 31 st March, 2024
2. RESERVES AND SURPLUS		
a) Capital Reserve - Opening Balance	200	200
	200	200
b) Revaluation Reserve - Opening Balance	4,263	4,282
Less : Withdrawal on account of depreciation on amount added on revaluation	19	19
	4,244	4,263
c) General Reserve - Opening Balance	11,523	10,973
Add : Entrance Fees received during the year	800	550
	12,323	11,523
d) Excess of Income over Expenditure - Opening Balance	(25,375)	(39,932)
Add : Excess of Income over Expenditure during the year	14,493	14,557
	(10,882)	(25,375)
TOTAL	5,885	(9,389)
3. LONG TERM BORROWINGS		
Secured Term Loan from Bank (15 year Term Loan from Canara Bank against mortgage of Building)	65,492	71,444
Less : Payment during the year	5,952	5,952
TOTAL	59,540	65,492
4. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY (NET)		
Deferred Tax - Opening Balance	-	22
Less : Liabilities written back	-	22
TOTAL	-	-
5. OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES		
a) Deposit from Members	217	217
b) Deposit from Others	2,165	2,578
c) Others (Note: C - 1)	3,050	3,050
TOTAL	5,432	5,845
Note : C - 1		
The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry Centenary Scholarship Trust	2,103	2,103
The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry Education Trust	72	72
National Defence Fund	195	195
The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry Trust Fund	680	680
TOTAL	3,050	3,050

Particulars	Amount in ₹ 000	Amount in ₹ 000			
	As at 31 st March, 2025	As at 31 st March, 2024			
6 LONG TERM PROVISIONS					
Provision for Gratuity	3,989	3,106			
Provision for Leave Encashment	1,580	1,221			
TOTAL	5,569	4,327			
7 SHORT TERM BORROWINGS					
Secured Loan from Canara Bank	5,952	5,952			
TOTAL	5,952	5,952			
8 TRADE PAYABLES					
TRADE PAYABLES DUES FOR PAYMENT FOR 2024-25	Amount in ₹ 000				
Particulars	Outstanding for followings periods from due date of payment				
	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	More than 3 years	Total
(i) MSME	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) OTHERS	9,863	804	505	-	11,172
(iii) Disputed DUES - MSME	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed DUES - OTHERS	-	-	-	-	-
TRADE PAYABLES DUES FOR PAYMENT FOR 2023-24	Amount in ₹ 000				
Particulars	Outstanding for followings periods from due date of payment				
	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	More than 3 years	Total
(i) MSME	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) OTHERS	8,430	849	-	-	9,279
(iii) Disputed DUES - MSME	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed DUES - OTHERS	-	-	-	-	-
9 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES					
a) Liabilities for Expenses	2,580				2,960
b) Liabilities for GST	1,673				1,386
c) Advance - Others	11,482				2,172
TOTAL	15,735				6,518
10 SHORT TERM PROVISION					
Provision for Gratuity	71				56
Provision for Leave Encashment	26				21
TOTAL	97				77

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

11. Property, Plant & Equipments

Amount in ₹ 000

Name / Category of Assets	ORIGINAL COST			DEPRECIATION / AMORTISATION			NET BOOK VALUE		
	As at 1 st April, 2024	Additions during the year	Deduction / Adjustment during the year	As at 31 st March, 2025	As at 1 st April, 2024	For the Year	Deduction / Adjustment during the year	As at 31 st March, 2025	As at 31 st March, 2024
Tangible Assets :									
a) Land	4,100	-	-	4,100	-	-	-	4,100	4,100
b) Royal Exchange Building	1,090	-	-	1,090	1,068	-	-	1,068	22
Do (Revalued)	2,672	-	-	2,672	2,197	19	-	2,216	456
c) Tubewell, Pumps & Motors	336	6	-	342	277	11	-	289	53
d) Air Conditioning Plant	6,500	653	-	7,153	4,101	325	-	4,426	2,399
e) Transformer	1,151	-	-	1,151	1,101	13	-	1,114	37
f) Furniture, Fixture & Equipment	5,079	8,831	-	13,910	4,089	339	-	4,428	9,482
g) Computer	3,716	1,574	-	5,290	3,250	427	-	3,677	1,613
h) Electrical Installation	1,043	320	-	1,363	1,033	6	-	1,039	324
i) Ship (Boat)	-	3,001	-	3,001	-	39	-	39	2,962
TOTAL	25,687	14,385	-	40,072	17,117	1,179	-	18,296	8,572
Previous Year	25,320	367	-	25,687	16,229	886	-	17,117	8,572

NOTE : Land & Building in Premises No 6, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata were revalued in May, 1988 by a firm of Professional Valuer which resulted in an increase in gross value by Rs. 37,88,088.00 and Rs. 26,71,539.00 respectively which were credited to Revaluation Reserve.

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

Particulars	Amount in ₹ 000	Amount in ₹ 000
	As at 31 st March, 2025	As at 31 st March, 2024
12 LONG TERM LOANS AND ADVANCES		
Unsecured and Considered Good		
Security Deposits	2,359	1,887
Deposit - Telephone	16	16
Deposit - Service tax (For Appeal)	730	730
Deposit - ESIC	225	225
Deposit - GST	1,672	-
TOTAL	5,002	2,858
13 OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Advance Tax (Net of Provision)	10,262	11,838
TOTAL	10,262	11,838
14 INVENTORIES		
Stock of Paper & Other Stationery items	1	2
Stock of Others	285	337
TOTAL	286	339
15 TRADE RECEIVABLES		
a) Outstanding for more than six months		
Unsecured, considered good	10,047	7,629
Unsecured, considered doubtful	<u>9,949</u>	<u>21,521</u>
	19,996	29,150
Less : Provision for doubtful Trade Receivables	<u>9,949</u>	<u>21,521</u>
	10,047	7,629
b) Other Trade Receivables		
Unsecured, considered good	28,346	20,439
TOTAL	38,393	28,068

TRADE RECEIVABLES AGEING SCHEDULE FOR 2024-25

Amount in ₹ 000

Particulars	Outstanding for followings periods from due date of payment					Total
	Less than 6 months	6 months - 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	More than 3 years	
(i) Undisputed Trade receivables - considered good	28,346	1,109	4,923	2,562	1,453	38,393
(ii) Undisputed Trade receivables - considered doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iii) Disputed Trade receivables - considered good	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed Trade receivables - considered doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

TRADE RECEIVABLES AGEING SCHEDULE FOR 2023-24

Amount in ₹ 000

Particulars	Outstanding for followings periods from due date of payment					
	Less than 6 months	6 months - 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	More than 3 years	Total
(i) Undisputed Trade receivables - considered good	20,439	2,892	3,162	1,342	233	28,068
(ii) Undisputed Trade receivables - considered doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iii) Disputed Trade receivables - considered good	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed Trade receivables - considered doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars	Amount in ₹ 000	Amount in ₹ 000
	As at 31 st March, 2025	As at 31 st March, 2024
16 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
a) Balances with Banks (Including Sweepout)	19,618	25,621
b) Cash in hand	102	31
c) Cash in GST Portal	-	-
* d) Term Deposit with Banks	8,570	8,058
TOTAL	28,290	33,710

* Term Deposits with Banks are those deposits which are having maturity within 12 months from Balance Sheet date.

17 SHORT TERM LOANS AND ADVANCES

Unsecured - Considered Good

a) Advances Recoverable in Cash or in kind or for value to be received	3,096	1,328
b) Staff Advance	147	366
c) GST Recoverable (TDS & INPUT)	1,385	86
TOTAL	4,628	1,780

18 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

a) Accrued Interest on Fixed Deposit	556	538
b) Accrued Interest on Deposit in Sweepout	86	293
c) Interest Receivable on Security Deposit	103	105
TOTAL	745	936

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

Particulars	Amount in ₹ 000	
	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
19 OPERATIONAL REVENUE		
a) Revenue from services rendered	13,876	12,593
b) Excess of Income over Expenditure from Seminar, Events etc.	34,592	30,965
	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
Income	64,783	59,546
Expense	<u>30,191</u>	<u>28,581</u>
c) Excess of Income over Expenditure from Survey / Research	10,528	4,503
	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
Income	22,414	10,096
Expenses	<u>11,886</u>	<u>5,593</u>
TOTAL	58,996	48,061
20 OTHER INCOME		
a) Interest	1,686	2,082
b) Interest on Income Tax Refund	1,515	-
c) Rent from Building	25,393	24,462
d) Hall Rent	203	224
e) Other Non Operating Income	319	272
f) KMC Building Tax	5,724	5,786
TOTAL	34,840	32,826
21 MANPOWER COST		
a) Salaries, Wages, Bonus and Other Benefits	39,776	31,011
b) Contribution to Provident Fund	1,366	1,086
c) Provision for Gratuity	965	650
d) Staff Welfare Expenses (including medical benefits and ESI)	3,297	3,114
TOTAL	45,404	35,861
22 ENERGY COST		
Electricity Charges	1,588	1,646
TOTAL	1,588	1,646
23 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE		
a) Building	313	217
b) Plant & Machinery	646	508
c) Others including electricals	1,259	1,234
TOTAL	2,218	1,959

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

Particulars	Amount in ₹ 000	Amount in ₹ 000
	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
24 COST OF SECURITY SERVICES		
Payments to S & IB	4,378	4,236
TOTAL	4,378	4,236
25 OTHER COSTS		
a) Printing and Stationery	611	457
b) Travelling, Conveyance and Motor Car Expenses	1,161	1,211
c) Professional Fees	412	837
d) Telephone Expenses	468	343
e) Insurance Premium on Building	144	111
f) Meeting Expenses	1,910	1,454
g) Provision for Doubtful Debts	1,170	1,425
h) Miscellaneous Expenses	1,525	1,310
i) Payment to Auditors -	-	
- Statutory Audit	225	100
- In other capacity	210	25
- Out of Pocket Expenses	10	8
j) Promotional Expenses	1,453	283
k) Computer Maintenance & Other Charges	788	777
l) Fees for renewal of Licence - Rates & Taxes	250	250
m) KMC Building Tax	4,343	4,343
n) Delhi Office Expenses	1,652	-
TOTAL	16,332	12,934
26 FINANCE COST		
Interest on Term Loan from Canara Bank	8,263	8,827
TOTAL	8,263	8,827
27 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EXPENSES		
Depreciation on Tangible Fixed Assets	1,179	886
Less : Transferred to Revaluation Reserve	(19)	(19)
TOTAL	1,160	867

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

28 FINANCIAL RATIO

Amount in ₹ 000

SL NO.	Particulars	Formula	Working		As at		Variance %	Remarks
			31 st March, 2025	31 st March, 2024	31 st March, 2025	31 st March, 2024		
1	Current Ratio (Times)	$\frac{\text{Current Assets}}{\text{Current Liabilities}}$	$\frac{72,342}{32,956}$	$\frac{64,834}{21,826}$	2.20	2.97	-25.93%	Decrease in Current Ratio due to increase in Current Liabilities
2	Acid Test Ratio (Times)	$\frac{\text{Current Assets} - \text{Inventory}}{\text{Current Liabilities}}$	$\frac{72,341}{32,956}$	$\frac{64,495}{21,826}$	2.19	2.95	-25.76%	Decrease in Acid Test Ratio due to increase in Current Liabilities
3	Net Profit Ratio (%)	$\frac{\text{Net Profit after Tax}}{\text{Net Revenue}}$	$\frac{14,493}{93,836}$	$\frac{14,557}{80,887}$	15.45%	18%	-14.18%	
4	Trade Receivables Turnover Ratio (Times)	$\frac{\text{Net Credit Sales}}{\text{Average Trade Receivables}}$	$\frac{90,635}{33,231}$	$\frac{78,804}{26,163}$	2.73	3.01	-9.30%	
5	Trade Payables Turnover Ratio (Times)	$\frac{\text{Net Credit Purchases}}{\text{Average Trade Payables}}$	$\frac{24,516}{10,225}$	$\frac{20,797}{9,479}$	2.40	2.19	9.59%	
6	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Times)	$\frac{\text{EBITDA}}{\text{Repayment (Interest \& Principal)}}$ (EBITDA = Earning before interest, tax and Depreciation & Amortisation)	$\frac{23,916}{14,214}$	$\frac{24,229}{14,779}$	1.68	1.64	2.44%	

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025**29 Activities for General Public Utility :**

An accumulated excess of Expenditure over Income (owing primarily to the payment of arrears property tax) of ₹ 2,53,74,736.00 was brought forward from previous years and after adjusting the excess of Income over Expenditure of ₹ 1,44,93,252.00 (from Activities of General Public Utility) and along with Capital Reserve, Revaluation Reserve and General Reserve totalling ₹ 1,67,66,692.00, for the year, shows a credit balance of ₹ 58,85,208.00 which is reflected under Reserves & Surplus in the Balance Sheet.

To accomplish its objective of performing activities for General Public Utility, The Chamber has structured its services for adding more values for promotion and protection of Trade & Industry.

30 Notes on Tax Matters**A. Income Tax**

The Chamber continues to be treated as a tax free Charitable Organization under Section 11 of The Income Tax Act 1961 in accordance with Order Nos 705 & 706 dated 20th September 2019, passed by The Hon'ble Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) for The Assessment Years 2011-12 & 2012-13. In addition to The Chamber's availing of Exempted status u/s 12A from Income Tax Authority as stated above, The Chamber filed and received Re-registration of Exempted status u/s 12A of the Act vide the Order from the Income Tax Authority in Form-10AC on 30th September 2021. The Order is valid from AY 2022-23 to AY 2026-27. For certain Assessment Years (AYs), The Chamber is appropriately petitioning before the Income Tax Department towards tax refunds due in lieu of The Chamber's Charitable Organization status. Further The Chamber has also received a an order for approval from Income Tax Authority, allowing approval u/s 80G (5) of the Act on 16th November 2024 from AY 2022-23 to 2026-27. The Chamber shares the approval copy with interested donors.

The Chamber also obtained a No-Tax Deduction Certificate on 6th May 2024 from the Income Tax Authority approving non deduction of Tax by the payers while making payment to different invoices raised by The Chamber during FY 2024-2025 u/s 197 of the Act.

For the AY 2010-11, the Chamber was not allowed the benefit u/s 11 of the Act and also disallowed certain expenses vide assessment order dated 15.03.2013 and the same was confirmed vide CIT(A) order dated 12th February 2025. The disallowance of the said benefit has been appealed before the ITAT. Since for the AY 2011-12 and 2012-13, the Chamber already has received favourable order from the Hon'ble ITAT in similar matters, it shall contest the current also, accordingly. The matter of disallowance of certain expenses has been remanded back to the assessing officer to give effect to the expenditures. The assessing officer has issued letter for verification which the Chamber has replied within the due date.

- A Bank Guarantee of ₹ 4,00,000.00 continues to be outstanding as on 31st March 2025, being provided to Income Tax Department as per direction of Hon'ble Calcutta High Court in its order in the matter pertaining to AY 2010-11 (Previous Year (2023-2024): ₹ 4,00,000.00).
- For AY 2017-18, The Chamber has filed petition for rectification u/s 154 of the Income Tax Act, 196 submitted on 21st November 2022. The Department has issued an order u/s 250 on 10th June 2025, which the Chamber has replied on 25th June 2025. For the AY 2017-18, refund for the amount of ₹ 1,15,471 is issued. The Chamber filed an appeal before CIT(A) on 22nd November 2024 for the remaining amount of ₹ 16,28,239/-. The matter is pending before CIT(A).

- For the AY 2023-24, the exemption status of the Chamber has been disputed on the allegation of incomplete application made for exemption certificate u/s 12A. This matter is currently pending before the Assessing Officer. The Chamber has received the show cause notice u/s 143(3) on 6th March 2025 and replied on 11th March 2025. The Chamber has appeared before the authority on 13th March 2025. The Assessment order u/s 143(3) for the said matter is pending.

The afore-stated management views were arrived at in consultation with The Chamber's Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee.

B. Notes on Service Tax Matter

Until the FY 2023-24, three demands have been raised by the Service Tax Department, out of which the first case (for 4 years (2011-12 to 2014-15)) was disposed of by the Appellate Authority on 2nd September 2020 by remanding the matter back to the adjudicating authority. No further communication was received from the concerned department. In the second case (for 2 Years (2015-16 & 2016-17)), an Appeal was filed, which was heard on virtual mode on 15th June 2022 (details given below), the representation being that the nature of the case was similar to the case for 4 years. All documents required by the Commissioner including the previous Order (for the first case) had been submitted (by email on 17th June 2022 and hard copy on 20th June 2022), with the response being awaited. In the third case also (for the 3 months period of 2017 (April to June 2017)), a personal hearing was held on 16th November 2021 digitally with Assistant Commissioner, CGST & CX BBD Bag I Division Kolkata North Commissionerate and again a personal hearing was held on 22nd February 2023 against the show cause notice of 31st October 2020 for the 3 months period of 2017 (April to June 2017). While all queries were answered during the Hearing, an additional submission was also made on 24th March 2023. The Authority noted the furnished points and issued an order.

The Chamber has received a partly favourable Order for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017 by order dated 31st May 2024 wherein the demand of Service Tax has been reduced from ₹ 5,85,720.00 to ₹ 92,456.00. However, The Chamber has found it fit to contest the same and has filed an appeal before the appropriate authority on 6th June 2024.

The facts of cases in all the years are similar and are stated in brief as follows -

The main issue was that the Service Tax Authority considered the Sponsorship payments received by The Chamber as 'Convention Service' for which tax was payable under Forward Charge Mechanism. The Department disputed The Chamber's contentions made following which The Chamber filed petitions, contesting that Service Tax on Sponsorship payments received are to be borne by the service recipients, i.e., the sponsors, under Notification No - 30/2012 - ST dated 20th June 2012 on Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM), and not by the service provider, i.e., The Bengal Chamber. The Chamber also submitted a number of declarations received from reputed organisations, which have sponsored different programmes / seminars of The Chamber, stating that they have devolved the Service Tax for the transaction. The other demands for Renting of Immovable Property Services, Business Support Services, Club Membership Services, etc, were raised on account of dispute in facts and figures by the Department.

During the year 2020-21, The Chamber had received an Order dated 2nd September 2020 from The Hon'ble Commissioner (Appeals-1), Kolkata in the matter. In the said order, the Hon'ble Commissioner (Appeals-1) ordered that since the issue was affiliated more towards finding the correctness of facts and figures by the Department; hence the matter was remanded back to the original adjudicating authority who should first determine the correctness of the stated figures from the Audited Balance Sheet and classification of "Convention Service" in view of documents made available by The Chamber and re-quantify, if required, the demand for Service Tax. The status remains same for 2024-2025 .

Thereafter the matter has been argued accordingly for the subsequent years. The Chamber, being the provider of Sponsorship Service, is of the view that there is no liability of any kind in the said matters for any of the years. Even for the other issues, no liability of any kind is acknowledged.

C. Note on GST Matters

The Chamber has received GST Notices for FY 2017-18, 2018-19 , 2019-20 , 2020-2021 and 2021-22. For the first three FY, the Chamber has suitably contested the matters before the Adjudicating Authorities to get the orders right sized. Therefore, the Chamber has opted for the waiver scheme and closed the matters for finality. For FY 2020-21, the Chamber has represented at the adjudicating level and the authority has issued a favourable order. Hence the matter was also closed. For FY 2021-22 scrutiny notice has been issued and representation from the Chamber was submitted.

The afore-stated management views were arrived at in consultation with The Chamber's Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee.

31 The amount due to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is ₹ Nil (2023-2024: ₹Nil).

32 Old Non-Operating Trusts of The Bengal Chamber

The Chamber has searched its old records extensively but could not find any mention of activities of old non-operating Trusts of The Bengal Chamber, nor the original Trust deeds or Banking details of the Trusts. These Trusts had been in existence for decades, some going back to nearly a century. No mention has also been observed in The Bengal Chamber's Managing Committee Meetings since 1991 with respect to the activities or transactions of these Trusts. The Chamber's Legal Committee is now seized of the matter. Due to continuation of COVID pandemic for two years (2020 and 2021), the legal route through which the Trusts could be dissolved could not be explored fully. The Chamber's Legal Committee is now weighing the options that The Chamber has for dissolving Trusts which have become dormant and not been functioning for decades.

33 The Chamber has not traded or invested in Crypto Currency or Virtual Currency during the year.

34 Previous Year's figures have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary.

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