



**APARNA ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

**CORPORATE**

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY**

## **PREAMBLE:**

Aparna Enterprises Limited ('Aparna' or 'the Company') covered under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 which stipulates the provisions relating to Corporate Social Responsibilities for companies, notified on February 27, 2014 and became effective from April 1, 2014.

With the passage of the Companies Act, 2013 the mandate for corporate social responsibility (CSR) has been formally introduced to the dashboard of the Board of Indian companies. Aparna has responded positively and took a commitment to develop good CSR practices in the organization.

Aparna Enterprises Limited is a 25 years old company, committed in providing quality products and services for its customers. For Aparna, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is the Company's commitment to its stakeholders to create best integrated communities, built on consistent and sustainable practices addressing social and environmental causes. It is committed to contribute to the economic development while improving the quality of life of workforce and their families as well as of the community and society at large.

## **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY:**

At Aparna, being a responsible corporate citizen is given utmost priority. The corporate Social Responsibility of the Company is discharged under the aegis of Aparna Novel Society for Welfare & Research – ANSWER (Registration No.862/07 Dt. 29.05.2007) a registered society. In today's increasingly dynamic and inter-connected world, a company and the society in which it operates are intrinsically and inseparably linked. Corporate Social Responsibility or CSR is a natural corollary of this symbiotic and co-dependent relationship. The new companies Act, 2013 seeks to cast a legal obligation on this responsibility by making CSR a binding commitment for prescribed companies. Aparna has been a conscientious corporate citizen since its establishment. Community development and social empowerment has been at the forefront of the company's social responsibility initiatives. The CSR activities of the company have resulted in the establishment of world-class facilities unmatched in quality and reach. The company has constituted a Corporate Social Responsibility Committee for overseeing the Corporate Social Responsibility activities of the Company.

### **A detailed report on the CSR initiatives and activities are given as below:**

1. **Academy:** To tap young minds and channelize their focus and energy, academy was set up in the year 2007. The Academy follows the Telangana State curriculum and strives to impart free and quality education to underprivileged children. Applications for admission are scrutinized by the Social empowerment Department and eligible candidates are shortlisted. The Shortlisted candidates undergo a medical fitness test and their family backgrounds are analyzed to exclude false claims and protect the interests of genuine beneficiaries. Thereafter, the final selection is made on admission, all the academic and

related expenditure such as fees, books, food, transportation, and healthcare are borne by ANSWER. The Academy has now 70 students' strength and every year 15 to 20 new children are brought into the fold.

2. **ANSWER** imparts training in Computer education, music and tailoring etc.
3. **Hermitage:** During the year 2014, construction of a separate building commenced to provide shelter and assistance to disadvantaged members of the society. The hermitage is an abode for senior citizens and young widows. The objective is not only to provide shelter to them, but also to ensure that the residents are provided with all amenities necessary to lead a comfortable life. Rooms, library, a common TV room and internet access are some of the basic facilities planned for the residents. The Hermitage also provides round-the-clock medical support. Cultural activities and festivals will be a regular feature of life at the Hermitage. The young widows, respectfully called young mothers, provide with opportunities to complete their education and become self-reliant.
4. **Other Initiatives:** Several green initiatives are underway in the CSR Project areas. An entire campus was constructed with lot of plants and herbs planted and rainwater-harvesting methods implemented. Waste management is a priority and effective means are in place to process the waste generated. The campus is also a plastic free and a no-smoking area. Support is also extended by providing financial aid to needy and deserving students admitted to Higher education.

**Linkage between Aparna Enterprises Limited - Corporate Social Responsibility Policy and Schedule VII**

S. No	Major Activities as Per Schedule VII	Activities taken up by Aparna through ANSWER
1	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	The Society is providing shelter for the needy children and orphans where in all the basic necessities comprising food, clothing, bedding and medical facilities are provided.

2	Promotion of education; including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, women, elderly and the differently able and livelihood enhancement	The Society is providing education to the children of ANSWER and to others from the poor and weaker sections of society irrespective caste, creed or religion and to undertake activities. Its striving to provide vocational training to the children's of ANSWER and Scholarship to other deserving children for Vocational training or for higher education.
3	Promoting gender equality and 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	ANSWER is working to promote talents and skills amongst the children
4	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.	To educate and promote environment friendly activities and pollution eradication by water management policy, rain harvesting methods, and Plantation program implementation in the Kutumbam campus.
5	Protection of national heritage, art and culture including restoration of buildings and sites of historical importance and works of art; setting up of public libraries; promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts	-
6	Measures for the benefit of armed forces veterans, war widows, and their dependents.	-
7	Training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, and Paralympics sports and Olympic sports	-
8	Contribution to the prime minister's National Relief Fund or any other fund set up by the Central Governments or the State Governments for socio-economic development and relief and welfare of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes minorities and women	-

9	Contribution to incubators funded by Central Government or State Government or any agency or Public Sector Undertaking of Central Government or State Government, and contributions to public funded Universities, Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), National Laboratories and Autonomous Bodies (established under the auspices of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) engaged in conducting research in science, technology, engineering and medicine aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	
10	Contributions or funds provided to technology incubators located within academic institutions which are approved by the Central Government	-
11	Rural Development Projects	Initiated
12	Slum area development	-
13	Disaster management, including relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities	-

**CSR Contribution:** Effective from 2014-15, at least 2% of average profits of past three years should be expended on CSR activities in terms of the new Companies Act, 2013. The Company voluntarily meet substantial amount required for initiates taken up by ANSWER since inception.

**Monitoring, Review and Evaluation:** Aparna will receive requests for funding of projects throughout the calendar year. The Board of Directors will evaluate proposals received from ANSWER and projects will be prioritized by assessing their impact. The ANSWER will then forward its recommendations to the CSR committee. The CSR committee will deliberate on the proposals and approve for implementation at its discretion.

Aparna representatives and /or ANSWER Society or such other entity will monitor the status of each project and will report its findings to the CSR committee periodically.

**CSR COMMITTEE:**

The concept of CSR is governed by Clause 135 of the Companies Act, 2013. The Act and Rules require companies to set-up a CSR committee consisting of their Board Members, including at least one independent director. The Board will have power to re-constitute the Committees as may be required from time to time.

**DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES:**

Committee is authorized to delegate its responsibilities or authorities to such person (s) at its discretion, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable laws.

**AMENDMENT:**

Any subsequent modification / amendment to the provisions of the Act / Regulations shall automatically apply to this Policy.

**DISCLOSURES:**

The Annual Report of the company shall include a section on CSR outlining the details about the policy developed and implemented by the Company on CSR initiatives, undertaken by the Company, the CSR spend during the financial year and other information as required by the prevailing law.