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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2022

(Under Section 31 of The Banking Regulation Act 1949 and Section 73 (4) of the Multi State Co-op Societies Act 2002 and Rule 27 of Multi State Co-op Societies Rules 2002)

To
The Members,
The Vishweshwar Sahakari Bank Ltd.,
Pune

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

1. We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the 'The Vishweshwar Sahakari Bank Ltd.; Pune' which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2022 and the Statement of Profit and Loss and the cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. The returns of Head Office and 28 branches audited by us (by visit at branches as well as from centralized platform) and returns of other branches audited by concurrent auditors of respective branches are incorporated in these financial statements. To the best of our knowledge and information and as per the explanations given to us, Bank has not received any specific guidelines from Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies with respect to selection of branches to be covered under audit. The audit of branches was selected considering the impact of Covid-19. The 28 branches covered by us (and other branches through CBS as well as verification of large loan files at head office) account for 100 percent of advances, 100 percent of deposits, 100 percent of interest income and 100 percent of interest expenses.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements, give the information required by the Multi State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 and the Rules made thereunder and the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (As applicable to Co-operative Societies) as amended by the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 and the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India, in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- a. In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Bank as at 31st March 2022;
- b. In the case of the Profit and Loss Account, of the profit for the year ended on that date; and
- c. In the case of the Cash Flow Statement, of the cash flows for the year ended on that date.



Basis for opinion

2. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("the ICAI") ("the SAs"). Our responsibilities under those SAs are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the ICAI together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 and the Rules made thereunder and the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (As applicable to Co-operative Societies) as amended by the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 and the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics issued by the ICAI. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

3. We draw attention regarding the impact of proviso to clause 77 of RBI Master Directions dated 24/09/2021 related to SR issued by ARC on the Bank's financial position, which will depend on certain aspects including applicability of the circular for the transactions carried before issue of the directions. Management is of the view that, the directions are applicable prospectively and it will not impact on the financial statements for the year ended 31/03/2022.

Our opinion on the financial statements is not modified in respect of this matter.

Information other than the consolidated Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

4. The Bank's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Bank's annual report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Management's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

5. The Bank's management and Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Bank in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the accounting standards issued by the ICAI. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 and the Rules made thereunder and the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (As applicable to Co-operative Societies) as amended by the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 and the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India, for



safeguarding of the assets of the Bank and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgements 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.

6. In preparing the financial statements, the management and Board of Directors are responsible for assessing the Bank'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 the management either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process

Auditor's Responsibility

7. 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 the 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 the SAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- i. 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.
- ii. Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- iii. Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- iv. 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 ability of the Bank 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 Bank to cease to continue as a going concern.



- v. 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 Matters

8. As required by Section 73(4) of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 and the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (As applicable to Co-operative Societies) as amended by the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020, we report that:
- (a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
 - (b) The information and explanations required and obtained by us have been found to be satisfactory;
 - (c) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by said Acts, rules framed thereunder and the bye-laws, have been kept by the Bank so far as appears from our examination of those books and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from the branches;
 - (d) No separate audit of the Branches has been conducted under the Multi State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 and therefore no other auditor's report has been received by us;
 - (e) The transactions of the Bank, which have come to our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank;
 - (f) The Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and the cash flow statement dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account and the returns;
9. As required by Rule 27(2) (c), (d) and (e) of the Multistate Co-operative Societies Rules, 2002, we report that:
- a. To the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank, the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss account exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank;
 - b. In our opinion and according to information and explanations given to us, there has been no material impropriety or irregularity in the expenditure or in the realization of money due to the Bank;
 - c. In our opinion and according to information and explanations given to us, the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development established under the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981, to the extent applicable to the Bank, have generally been adhered to



10. As required by the Rule 27 (3) of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2002, we report on the matters specified in clauses (a) to (f) of the said Rule to the extent applicable to the Bank as under:
- a. During course of audit, we have generally not come across transactions which appear to be contrary to the provisions of Act, Rules or the bye laws of the Bank;
 - b. During course of audit, we have generally not come across material and significant transactions, which appear to be contrary to the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India and National Bank for agriculture and rural development to the extent applicable to the bank.
 - c. Advances categorized as doubtful assets as per norms laid down by RBI, are of Rs 4,468.15 lakhs and loss assets of Rs 231.79 lakhs as per prudential norms are considered as doubtful of recovery. Bank held provision of Rs 1,660.99 lakhs against doubtful assets and provision of Rs 231.79 lakhs against loss assets
 - d. As per information provided to us and to the best of our knowledge, total loan outstanding (including non-Fund based) to the members of the board was Rs. 58.92 lakhs which were sanctioned against FDR/Other Securities. The accounts were fully secured and standard.
 - e. During course of audit, we have generally not come across any violation of guidelines, conditions etc. issued by the Reserve Bank of India or National Agriculture and Rural Development by any cooperative Bank to the extent applicable to the bank. However, for specific comments kindly refer detail Audit report and LFAR and Annexure to LFAR
 - f. To the best of our knowledge, no other matters have been specified by the Central Registrar, which require reporting under this Rule.

For Gogate & Company
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Place: Pune