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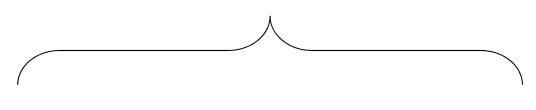
Pursuant to Office memorandum F. No. CSR-05/1/2020-CSR-MCA dated 28th March, 2020 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") contribution made to 'PM CARES Fund' shall qualify as CSR expenditure under item no (viii) of Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.

IS ANY OTHER CONTRIBUTION EXCEPT PM CARES FUND ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY AS CSR EXPENDITURE?

- Contribution made to State Disaster Management Authority to combat COVID-19;
- CSR expenditure including promotion of health care including preventive health care and sanitation and disaster management.

WHETHER PAYMENT OF SALARY/WAGES TO EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS, INCLUDING CONTRACT LABOUR, DURING THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD CAN BE ADJUSTED AGAINST THE CSR EXPENDITURE OF THE COMPANIES?

Payment of salary/wages as CSR expenditure of the companies



Salary/wages to employees and workers	Salary/wages to Contract Labour
Payment of salary/ wages being <i>contractual and statutory obligation</i> of the employer, and during Lockdown its moral obligation of the employer to pay salary/wages, it <i>does not amounts to contribution in CSR expenditure.</i>	Payment of wages to temporary or casual or daily wage workers during the lockdown period is part of the <u>moral/humanitarian/contractual</u> <u>obligations</u> of the company and is not admissible as CSR expenditure.

Payment of ex-gratia to temporary /casual /daily wage workers as CSR expenditure

- The ex-gratia payment made to temporary / casual workers/ daily wage workers over and above the disbursement of wages, specifically for the purpose of fighting COVID 19 is <u>admissible towards CSR expenditure as a onetime exception;</u>
- ✤ The declaration is to be made by the company for the same;
- The declaration is to be duly certified by the Statutory Auditor.

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