



INDEPENDENT BANK AUDITOR'S REPORT

To,
The Members,
The Sahebrao Deshmukh Co.op Bank Ltd.
Mumbai -400 072

Report on Financial Statements

Opinion

1. We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of "THE SAHEBRAO DESHMUKH CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED", Mumbai as at 31st March 2022 which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022 and Profit and Loss Account, 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 audited by us and the returns of all branches audited by the concurrent/internal auditors of the respective branches are incorporated in these financial statements. Key operations of the Bank are automated. With the key applications largely integrated to the core banking systems it does not require it's branches to submit any financial returns. Accordingly, our audit is carried out centrally at the Head Office based on the necessary records and data required for the purposes of the audit being made available to us.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanation given to us, subject to our observations in Audit Memorandum, the aforesaid financial statements together with the Notes thereon give the information required by the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (as applicable to co-operative societies) as amended by the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020, the Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act, 1960, the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Rules, 1961 and guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India and Registrar of Co-operative societies, Maharashtra 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 Profit and Loss Account, of the loss 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 of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). 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 Bank in accordance with the code of ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements under the provision of the Act 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.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements:

2. The Bank's management and Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation of these Financial Statements that give true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance and cash flow of the Bank in accordance with 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 the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Maharashtra, the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960, and the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Rules, 1961, (as applicable) and generally accepted accounting principles in India so far as applicable to the Bank. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Acts 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 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, 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 Director's are also responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements.

3. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Standalone 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.
- 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 Bank'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 Bank 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

4. The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account have been drawn up in the Forms set out in the Third Schedule of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
5. 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 and have found to be satisfactory;
 - b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Bank so far as it appears from our examination of those books and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from the branches/offices;
 - c) The transactions of the Bank which have come to our notice are within the powers of the Bank;
 - d) The Balance Sheet and the 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;
 - e) The accounting standards adopted by the Bank are consistent with those laid down by accounting principles generally accepted in India so far as applicable to Banks subject to disclosure in notes to accounts;
6. As per the information and explanations given to us and based on our examination of the books of account and other records, we have not come across material instances in respect of the details mentioned in the Rule 69(6) of Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Rules 1961.
7. We further report that for the financial year 2021-22 under audit, the Bank has been awarded "D" Classification.

For ShindeNayak & Associates
Chartered Accountants
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