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The Manager (Listing - CRD)
BSE Limited
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Tower,
Dalal Street, Fort,
Mumbai - 400 001
Scrip Code: 533151

The Manager (Listing Department)
National Stock Exchange of India Limited
Exchange Plaza, C-1, Block G,
Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East),
Mumbai - 400 051
SYMBOL: DBCORP

ISIN: INE950I01011

Sub.: Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report for F.Y. 2023-24 pursuant to Regulation 34(2)(f) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations")

Dear Sir/Madam,

In compliance with Regulation 34(2)(f) of the SEBI Listing Regulations, please find enclosed the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report which forms part of the Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2023-24.

This is for your information and records.

Thanking you,

For D. B. Corp Limited

Om Prakash Pandey
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
Membership Number: F7555

Encl.: as above



Business Responsibility & Sustainability Report

SECTION A: GENERAL DISCLOSURES

I. Details of the listed entity

S. No.	Particulars	Particulars
1.	Corporate Identity Number (CIN) of the Listed Entity:	L22210GJ1995PLC047208
2.	Name of the Listed Entity	D. B. Corp Limited ('the Company' or 'DBCL')
3.	Year of incorporation	27-10-1995
4.	Registered office address	Plot No. 280, Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway, Nr. YMCA Club, Makarba, Ahmedabad – 380051, Gujarat
5.	Corporate address	Corporate Office: 501, 5 th Floor, Naman Corporate Link, Opp. Dena Bank, C-31, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East) Mumbai, 400051 Head Office: Dwarka Sadan, 6 Press Complex, M P Nagar Zone 1, Bhopal - 462011
6.	E-mail	dbcs@dbcorp.in
7.	Telephone	0755-4730000
8.	Website	www.dbcorppltd.com
9.	Financial year for which reporting is being done	April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024
10.	Name of the Stock Exchange(s) where shares are listed	BSE Limited (BSE) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE)
11.	Paid-up Capital	₹ 1,780.92 Million
12.	Name and contact details (telephone, email address) of the person who may be contacted in case of any queries on the BRSR report	Om Prakash Pandey Company Secretary & Compliance Officer dbcs@dbcorp.in 0755-4730000
13.	Reporting boundary - Are the disclosures under this report made on a standalone basis (i.e. only for the entity) or on a consolidated basis (i.e. for the entity and all the entities which form a part of its consolidated financial statements, taken together).	Disclosures made in this report are on a standalone basis
14.	Name of assurance provider	Not Applicable
15.	Type of assurance obtained	Not Applicable

II. Products/services

16. Details of business activities (accounting for 90% of the turnover):

S. No.	Description of Main Activity	Description of Business Activity	% of Turnover of the entity
1	Printing/ Publishing of News	Printing/ publishing and allied business segment includes newspaper, magazines, printing job work, internet and mobile interactive services, etc.	93.40%

17. Products/Services sold by the entity (accounting for 90% of the entity's Turnover):

S. No.	Product/Service	NIC Code	%of total Turnover contributed
1	Publishing of Newspaper	NIC Code: 5813	19.96%
2	Advertisement Revenue	NIC Code: 7310	77.88%

III. Operations

18. Number of locations where plants and/or operations/offices of the entity are situated:

Location	Number of plants	Number of offices	Total
National	51	78	129
International	0	0	0

19. Markets served by the entity:

a. Number of locations

Locations	Number
National (No. of States)	12
International (No. of Countries)	0

b. What is the contribution of exports as a percentage of the total turnover of the entity?

Contribution of export is 1.54% of total turnover for FY 23-24

c. A brief on types of customers

D. B. Corp Limited (the 'Company') is in the business of publishing newspapers, radio broadcasting and digital platform for news and event management. The Company derives its revenue mainly from the sale of its publications and advertisements published in the publications, displayed on websites/ portal, and aired on radio.

The major customers of the Company are readers of its newspaper/ news portal and the entities to whom the Company is providing Advertisement services through its Newspaper / Radio and Digital platform, which includes individual customers, corporate customers, educational organisations, government organisations, non-government organisations, agencies, etc.

IV. Employees

20. Details as at the end of Financial Year:

a. Employees and workers (including differently abled):

S. No.	Particulars	Total (A)	Male		Female	
			No. (B)	% (B / A)	No. (C)	% (C / A)
EMPLOYEES						
1.	Permanent (D)	3992	3675	92.06%	317	7.94%
2.	Other than Permanent (E)	637	575	90.27%	62	9.73%
3.	Total employees (D + E)	4629	4250	91.81%	379	8.19%
WORKERS						
4.	Permanent (F)	657	656	99.85%	1	0.15%
5.	Other than Permanent (G)	9	9	100%	0	0%
6.	Total workers (F + G)	666	665	99.85%	1	0.15%

b. Differently abled Employees and workers:

S. No	Particulars	Total (A)	Male		Female	
			No. (B)	% (B / A)	No. (C)	% (C / A)
DIFFERENTLY ABLED EMPLOYEES						
1.	Permanent (D)	8	8	100%	0	0%
2.	Other than Permanent (E)	0	0	0%	0	0%
3.	Total differently abled employees (D + E)	8	8	100%	0	0%



S. No	Particulars	Total (A)	Male		Female	
			No. (B)	% (B / A)	No. (C)	% (C / A)
DIFFERENTLY ABLED WORKERS						
4.	Permanent (F)	0	0	0%	0	0%
5.	Other than permanent (G)	0	0	0%	0	0%
6.	Total differently abled workers (F + G)	0	0	0%	0	0%

21. Participation/Inclusion/Representation of women

	Total (A)	No. and percentage of Females	
		No. (B)	% (B / A)
Board of Directors	6	2	33.33%
Key Management Personnel *	4	1	25%

*Key Managerial Personnel includes MD, DMD, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary.

22. Turnover rate for permanent employees and workers

(Disclose trends for the past 3 years)

	FY_2023-24 (Turnover rate in current FY)			FY_2022-23 (Turnover rate in previous FY)			FY_2021-22 (Turnover rate in the year prior to the Previous FY)		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	Permanent Employees	16.60%	20.2%	16.9%	16.5%	38.1%	18.2%	13.8%	31.2%
Permanent Workers	7%	0%	7%	8.1%	0.0%	8.0%	11.6%	0.0%	11.6%

V. Holding, Subsidiary and Associate Companies (including joint ventures)**23. Names of holding / subsidiary / associate companies / joint ventures**

S. No.	Name of the holding / subsidiary / associate companies / joint ventures (A)	Indicate whether holding/ Subsidiary/ Associate/ Joint Venture	% of shares held by listed entity	Does the entity indicated in column A, participate in the Business Responsibility initiatives of the listed entity? (Yes/No)
1	DB Consolidated Private Limited	Holding	54.46%	No
2	DB Infomedia Private Limited	Subsidiary	100%	No
3	I Media Corp Ltd	Step-down Subsidiary	100%	No

VI. CSR Details

24. (i) Whether CSR is applicable as per section 135 of Companies Act, 2013: Yes

(ii) Turnover (in ₹) – 24,004.83 Million

(iii) Net worth (in ₹) - 22,235.93 Million

VII. Transparency and Disclosures Compliances

25. Complaints/Grievances on any of the principles (Principles 1 to 9) under the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct:

Stakeholder group from whom complaint is received	Grievance Redressal Mechanism in Place (Yes/No) (If Yes, then provide web-link for grievance redress policy)	FY 2023-24 Current Financial Year			FY 2022-23 Previous Financial Year		
		Number of complaints filed during the year	Number of complaints pending resolution at close of the year	Remarks	Number of complaints filed during the year	Number of complaints pending resolution at close of the year	Remarks
Communities	Yes*	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Investors (other than shareholders)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shareholders	Yes*	34	-	-	60	-	-
Employees and workers	Yes*	149	43	Complaints received under whistle Blower Mechanism of the Company#	71	2	Complaints received under whistle Blower Mechanism of the Company#
Customers	Yes*	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Value Chain Partners	Yes*	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Other (please specify)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

*There are certain email id's / helpline numbers, that are provided to the relevant stakeholders to report their complaints / Grievances.

#Whistle blower policy of the Company is available at https://www.dbcorpltd.com/Disclosures_under_Regulation_46_LODR.php

**26. Overview of the entity's material responsible business conduct issues**

Please indicate material responsible business conduct and sustainability issues pertaining to environmental and social matters that present a risk or an opportunity to your business, rationale for identifying the same, approach to adapt or mitigate the risk along-with its financial implications, as per the following format

S. No.	Material issue identified	Indicate whether risk or opportunity (R/O)	Rationale for identifying the risk / opportunity	In case of risk, approach to adapt or mitigate	Financial implications of the risk or opportunity (Indicate positive or negative implications)
1	Ethical Business Practices	Risk	The Company must ensure that its business practices align with ethical standards and legal requirements. Corruption, bribery, and other unethical behaviors can damage the company's reputation, lead to regulatory and legal risks, and harm the communities where the company operates.	Increasing awareness on code of conduct and business ethics amongst workforce and value chain partners.	Negative
2	Digital platform for Newspaper	Opportunity	New media technology influences almost all aspects of traditional media, including subscriptions, readership, circulation, and advertising revenue. In particular, the possibility to access information and receive instant updates via the internet has increased the opportunities in newspaper business. By utilizing digital technology and maintaining print editions, publishers can provide credible news and information to expand their reach and attract advertisers.	NA	Positive
3	Volatility in prices of newsprint (Raw Material)	Risk	Increasing newsprint price has remained a big worry for the print sector. Disruption in the supply chain of newsprint due to the Russia-Ukraine war, compounded with a scarcity of waste paper used in recycling led to the increase in the price of Newsprint.	Volatility in newsprint price is managed by change in mix between Imported and indigenous newsprint, explore new vendors, as per geographical requirement, page rationalisation, a dynamic hedging policy and effective cost management through total cost productivity.	Negative
4	Solar Energy	Opportunity	Solar energy is becoming an increasingly cost-competitive alternative to fossil fuels. It is a sustainable energy source, has a low environmental impact, and promotes energy independence.	NA	Positive

S. No.	Material issue identified	Indicate whether risk or opportunity (R/O)	Rationale for identifying the risk / opportunity	In case of risk, approach to adapt or mitigate	Financial implications of the risk or opportunity (Indicate positive or negative implications)
5	Supply Chain Management	Opportunity	Our business continuity plans and risk management plans has covered all foreseeable risks in our supply chain with all suitable measures to address risks, if any.	NA	Positive

SECTION B: MANAGEMENT AND PROCESS DISCLOSURES

This section is aimed at helping businesses demonstrate the structures, policies and processes put in place towards adopting the NGRBC Principles and Core Elements.

P1	Businesses should conduct and govern themselves with integrity, and in a manner that is Ethical, Transparent and Accountable.
P2	Businesses should provide goods and services in a manner that is sustainable and safe.
P3	Businesses should respect and promote the well-being of all employees, including those in their value chains.
P4	Businesses should respect the interests of and be responsive to all its stakeholders.
P5	Businesses should respect and promote human rights.
P6	Businesses should respect and make efforts to protect and restore the environment.
P7	Businesses, when engaging in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a manner that is responsible and transparent.
P8	Businesses should promote inclusive growth and equitable development.
P9	Businesses should engage with and provide value to their consumers in a responsible manner

Disclosure Questions	P 1	P 2	P 3	P 4	P 5	P 6	P 7	P 8	P 9
Policy and management processes									
1. a. Whether your entity’s policy/ policies cover each principle and its core elements of the NGRBCs. (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. Has the policy been approved by the Board? (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
c. Web Link of the Policies, if available	As per Corporate Governance requirements, Company’s policies are available at https://dbcopltd.com/Disclosures_under_Regulation_46_LODR.php All other employee-centric policies are available on the Company’s intranet.								
2. Whether the entity has translated the policy into procedures. (Yes / No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Do the enlisted policies extend to your value chain partners? (Yes/No)	Yes, the Company encourages its value chain partners to adopt best practices to achieve responsible business operations.								



Disclosure Questions	P 1	P 2	P 3	P 4	P 5	P 6	P 7	P 8	P 9
4. Name of the national and international codes/certifications/labels/ standards (e.g. Forest Stewardship Council, Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Trustea) standards (e.g. SA 8000, OHSAS, ISO, BIS) adopted by your entity and mapped to each principle.	Yes, the policies are to the extent possible in conformity with 'National Voluntary Guidelines (NVG) and National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct (NGRBCs) issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.								
5. Specific commitments, goals and targets set by the entity with defined timelines, if any.	Company's policies outlines its commitments towards sustainability and responsible business								
6. Performance of the entity against the specific commitments, goals and targets along-with reasons in case the same are not met.	Performance of the Company is described in the Directors' Report and its Annexures forming part of this Annual Report								

Governance, leadership and oversight

7. Statement by director responsible for the business responsibility report, highlighting ESG related challenges, targets and achievements (listed entity has flexibility regarding the placement of this disclosure)	The Company is committed to integrating ESG principles into its businesses which is central to improving the quality of life of the communities it serves. We have always believed that sustained growth is achievable only when an organization proactively addresses its environmental, social, and governance aspects.								
8. Details of the highest authority responsible for implementation and oversight of the Business Responsibility policy (ies).	Mr. Sudhir Agarwal Managing Director								
9. Does the entity have a specified Committee of the Board/ Director responsible for decision making on Sustainability related issues? (Yes / No). If yes, provide details.	Yes. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee is responsible for making decisions on sustainability related issues.								

10. Details of Review of NGRBCs by the Company:

Subject for Review	Indicate whether review was undertaken by Director / Committee of the Board/ Any other Committee									Frequency (Annually/ Half yearly/ Quarterly/ Any other – please specify)								
	P 1	P 2	P 3	P 4	P 5	P 6	P 7	P 8	P 9	P 1	P 2	P 3	P 4	P 5	P 6	P 7	P 8	P 9
Performance against above policies and follow up action	Yes									As and when necessary								
Compliance with statutory requirements of relevance to the principles, and, rectification of any non-compliances	Yes									As and when necessary								

11. Has the entity carried out independent assessment/ evaluation of the working of its policies by an external agency? (Yes/No). If yes, provide name of the agency.	P 1	P 2	P 3	P 4	P 5	P 6	P 7	P 8	P 9	No, Company's internal control procedures ensure periodic assessment of our operations to verify compliance to our policies and applicable regulations.								
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12. If answer to question (1) above is “No” i.e. not all Principles are covered by a policy, reasons to be stated:

Questions	P 1	P 2	P 3	P 4	P 5	P 6	P 7	P 8	P 9
The entity does not consider the principles material to its business (Yes/No)									
The entity is not at a stage where it is in a position to formulate and implement the policies on specified principles (Yes/No)									
The entity does not have the financial or/human and technical resources available for the task (Yes/No)									
It is planned to be done in the next financial year (Yes/No)									
Any other reason (please specify)									

Not Applicable

SECTION C: PRINCIPLE WISE PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

This section is aimed at helping entities demonstrate their performance in integrating the Principles and Core Elements with key processes and decisions. The information sought is categorized as “Essential” and “Leadership”. While the essential indicators are expected to be disclosed by every entity that is mandated to file this report, the leadership indicators may be voluntarily disclosed by entities which aspire to progress to a higher level in their quest to be socially, environmentally and ethically responsible.

PRINCIPLE 1 Businesses should conduct and govern themselves with integrity, and in a manner that is Ethical, Transparent and Accountable.

Essential Indicators

1. Percentage coverage by training and awareness programs on any of the Principles during the financial year:

Segment	Total number of training and awareness programs held	Topics / principles covered under the training and its impact	%age of persons in respective category covered by the awareness programs
Board of Directors	Multiple	Individual coaching for Management skill development and Motivation	50%
Key Managerial Personnel	Multiple	Individual coaching for Management skill development and Motivation	75%
Employees other than BoD and KMPs	Multiple	Our employees receive multiple trainings throughout the year on topics such as Core Values, Health and Safety trainings, Anti-corruption and bribery topics, Prevention of Sexual Harassment topics, code of conduct, regulatory updates, awareness, etc	100%
Workers	Multiple	Our Worker receive multiple trainings throughout the year on topics such as - Health and Safety trainings, Anti-corruption and bribery topics, Prevention of Sexual Harassment topics, Human Risks, Workplace Regulatory Compliances, Skill Improvement, Waste Reduction, Energy efficiency, etc.	100%



2. Details of fines / penalties /punishment/ award/ compounding fees/ settlement amount paid in proceedings (by the entity or by directors / KMPs) with regulators/ law enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions, in the financial year, in the following format (Note: the entity shall make disclosures on the basis of materiality as specified in Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Obligations) Regulations, 2015 and as disclosed on the entity's website): -

Monetary				
NGRBC Principle	Name of the regulatory/ enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions	Amount (In INR)	Brief of the Case	Has an appeal been preferred? (Yes/ No)
Penalty/ Fine			Nil	
Settlement			Nil	
Compounding fee			Nil	

Non-Monetary				
NGRBC Principle	Name of the regulatory/ enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions	Brief of the Case	Has an appeal been preferred? (Yes/No)	
Imprisonment			Nil	
Punishment			Nil	

3. Of the instances disclosed in Question 2 above, details of the Appeal/ Revision preferred in cases where monetary or non-monetary action has been appealed.

Case Details	Name of the regulatory/ enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions
	Not Applicable

4. Does the entity have an anti-corruption or anti-bribery policy? If yes, provide details in brief and if available, provide a web-link to the policy.

The Company has its own "Code of Conduct" which is applicable for all employees and Board of Directors. This "Code of Conduct" provides clear guidelines and standards for the appropriate behavior expected of all the concerned employees. This Code has been adopted by the Board of Directors of D.B. Corp Ltd. (henceforth referred to as "DBCL") and applies to all employees of DBCL and all its subsidiaries, their Board members, officers and all full time and part-time, individuals engaged as retainers/on contract, etc. The policy document is available on the intranet of the Company.

5. Number of Directors/KMPs/employees/workers against whom disciplinary action was taken by any law enforcement agency for the charges of bribery/ corruption:

Particulars	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Directors	Nil	Nil
KMPs	Nil	Nil
Employees	Nil	Nil
Workers	Nil	Nil

6. Details of complaints with regard to conflict of interest:

Particulars	Current FY 2023-24		Previous FY 2022-23	
	Number	Remarks	Number	Remarks
Number of complaints received in relation to issues of Conflict of Interest of the Directors	Nil		Nil	
Number of complaints received in relation to issues of Conflict of Interest of the KMPs	Nil		Nil	

7. Provide details of any corrective action taken or underway on issues related to fines / penalties / action taken by regulators/ law enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions, on cases of corruption and conflicts of interest.

Not Applicable

8. Number of days of accounts payables ((Accounts payable *365) / Cost of goods/services procured) in the following format

Particulars	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Number of days of accounts payables	98	75

9. Open-ness of business

Parameter	Metrics	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Concentration of Purchases	a. Purchases from trading houses as % of total purchases	Nil	Nil
	b. Number of trading houses where purchases are made from	Nil	Nil
	c. Purchases from top 10 trading houses as % of total purchases from trading houses	Nil	Nil
Concentration of Sales	a. Sales to dealers / distributors as % of total sales	63.64%	68.27%
	b. Number of dealers / distributors to whom sales are made	11,757	12,127
	c. Sales to top 10 dealers / distributors as % of total sales to dealers / distributors	15.27%	16.40%
Share of RPTs in	a. Purchases (Purchases with related parties / Total Purchases)	1.87%	1.45%
	b. Sales (Sales to related parties / Total Sales)	0.10%	0.10%
	c. Loans & advances (Loans & advances given to related parties / Total loans & advances)	1.38%	3.51%
	d. Investments (Investments in related parties / Total Investments made)	10.56%	10.65%

Leadership Indicators

1. Awareness programs conducted for value chain partners on any of the Principles during the financial year: -

Total number of awareness programs held	Topics / principles covered under the training	%age of value chain partners covered (by value of business done with such partners) under the awareness programs.
	Nil	

2. Does the entity have processes in place to avoid/ manage conflict of interests involving members of the Board? (Yes/No) If Yes, provide details of the same.

Yes, The Company is having its own "Code of Conduct" which is applicable for all employees and board of Directors. This "Code of Conduct" (henceforth referred to as the "Code") provides clear guidelines to avoid / manage conflict of interests involving Board Members, officers and other employees.

**PRINCIPLE 2 Businesses should provide goods and services in a manner that is sustainable and safe****Essential Indicators**

1. **Percentage of R&D and capital expenditure (capex) investments in specific technologies to improve the environmental and social impacts of product and processes to total R&D and capex investments made by the entity, respectively.**

	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23	Details of improvements in environmental and social impacts
R&D	Nil	Nil	NA
Capex	3.45%	7.71%	Solar power Units generated- FY 23-24 = 2886840 kwh. & FY 22-23 = 2374925 kwh.

2. **a. Does the entity have procedures in place for sustainable sourcing?
b. If yes, what percentage of inputs was sourced sustainably?**

Selection of vendor is done keeping in view the long-term perspective. The Company has a process in place for sustainable sourcing of Raw Material. The Company is in continuous collaboration and has been working closely with the supplier partners to improve the degree of sustainability associated with its sourcing practices.

Vendors from whom major Raw Material (Newsprint) is sourced are required to comply with the requirements of environmental standards, safety standards, Social & Ethical performance etc. Domestic Newsprint mills are producing Newsprint from recycled fiber only (i.e. Recycle of Waste Paper) and were complying the requirements of Pollution Control Board to fulfil the norms. About 65% of inputs were sourced from sustainable Domestic vendors in the financial year 2023-24.

Apart from above our procurement process includes our key initiative of sourcing from vendors who are located in close proximity of our plant/printing locations in order to lower the WAD (weighted average distance) thereby optimizing logistics, reducing fuel consumption & emissions, and minimizing the carbon footprint.

The sustainability road map of the Company covers these areas, and we take these important steps on a regular basis to ensure that the sourcing programs are sustainable.

3. **Describe the processes in place to safely reclaim your products for reusing, recycling and disposing at the end of life, for (a) Plastics (including packaging) (b) E-waste (c) Hazardous waste and (d) other waste.**

The Company recognizes that natural resources are finite and therefore need to be conserved and recycled. DBCL is committed to keeping minimum environmental impact for which it follows defined waste management processes.

- Newspaper being the world's most recycled material, the Company has in place a structured mechanism for selling newsprint waste to newsprint manufacturers for the purpose of recycling.
- Plastic waste is sold to the industries / dealers for the purpose of recycling.
- E-waste is disposed through approved and authorised vendors for safe disposal.
- There is no hazardous waste generated during Company's production process.
- Other wastes are disposed as per nature of the generated waste.

4. **Whether Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is applicable to the entity's activities.**

No

If yes, whether the waste collection plan is in line with the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) plan submitted to Pollution Control Boards? If not, provide steps taken to address the same.

Not Applicable.

Leadership Indicators

1. Has the entity conducted Life Cycle Perspective / Assessments (LCA) for any of its products (for manufacturing industry) or for its services (for service industry)? If yes, provide details in the following format?

No

NIC Code	Name of Product /Service	% of total Turnover contributed	Boundary for which the Life Cycle Perspective / Assessment was conducted	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes/No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes/ No) If yes, provide the web-link.
Not Applicable					

2. If there are any significant social or environmental concerns and/or risks arising from production or disposal of your products / services, as identified in the Life Cycle Perspective / Assessments (LCA) or through any other means, briefly describe the same along-with action taken to mitigate the same.

The products of the Company are made from paper materials which are non- reactive and non-hazardous in nature. These make our products have no-impact on social and in-significant impact on environment. We practice environment-friendly manufacturing processes while ensuring compliance with applicable regulations and laws

Name of Product / Service	Description of the risk / concern	Action Taken
Nil		

3. Percentage of recycled or reused input material to total material (by value) used in production (for manufacturing industry) or providing services (for service industry).

Nil

Indicate input material	Recycled or re-used input material to total material	
	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
	Nil	Nil

4. Of the products and packaging reclaimed at end of life of products, amount (in metric tons) reused, recycled, and safely disposed, as per the following format:

	Current FY 2023-24			Previous FY 2022-23		
	Re-Used	Recycled	Safely Disposed	Re-Used	Recycled	Safely Disposed
Plastics * (including packaging)	-	-	168.38	-	-	166.57
E-waste #	-	-	6.13	-	-	4.01
Hazardous waste	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other waste	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Plastic waste is sold to the industries / dealers for the purpose of recycling.

#E-waste disposed through approved and authorised vendors for safe disposal.

5. Reclaimed products and their packaging materials (as percentage of products sold) for each product category.

Not applicable

Indicate product category	Reclaimed products and their packaging materials as % of total products sold in respective category
Not Applicable	



PRINCIPLE 3 Businesses should respect and promote the well-being of all employees, including those in their value chains

Essential Indicators

1. a. Details of measures for the well-being of employees:

Category	Total (A)	% of employees covered by									
		Health insurance		Accident insurance		Maternity benefits		Paternity Benefits		Day Care facilities	
		Number (B)	% (B / A)	Number (C)	% (C / A)	Number (D)	% (D / A)	Number (E)	% (E / A)	Number (F)	% (F / A)
Permanent employees											
Male	3675	3675	100%	3675	100%	0	0	3675	100%	0	0
Female	317	317	100%	317	100%	317	100%	0	0	317	100%
Total	3992	3992	100%	3992	100%	317	100%	3675	100%	317	100%
Other than Permanent employees											
Male	575	575	100%	575	100%	0	0	575	100%	0	0
Female	62	62	100%	62	100%	62	100%	0	0	62	100%
Total	637	637	100%	637	100%	62	100%	753	100%	62	100%

b. Details of measures for the well-being of workers:

Category	Total (A)	% of workers covered by									
		Health insurance		Accident insurance		Maternity benefits		Paternity Benefits		Day Care facilities	
		Number (B)	% (B / A)	Number (C)	% (C / A)	Number (D)	% (D / A)	Number (E)	% (E / A)	Number (F)	% (F / A)
Permanent workers											
Male	656	656	100%	656	100%	0	0	656	100%	0	0
Female	1	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	0	0	1	100%
Total	657	657	100%	657	100%	1	100%	656	100%	1	100%
Other than Permanent workers											
Male	9	9	100%	9	100%	0	0	9	100%	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	9	100%	9	100%	0	0	9	100%	0	0

c. Spending on measures towards well-being of employees and workers (including permanent and other than permanent) in the following format –

	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Cost incurred on wellbeing measures as a % of total revenue of the company	0.26%	0.18%

2. Details of retirement benefits, for Current FY and Previous Financial Year.

Benefits	Current FY 2023-24			Previous FY 2022-23		
	No. of employees covered as a % of total employees	No. of workers covered as a % of total workers	Deducted and deposited with the authority (Y/N/N.A.)	No. of employees covered as a % of total employees	No. of workers covered as a % of total workers	Deducted and deposited with the authority (Y/N/N.A.)
PF	100%	100%	YES	100%	100%	YES
Gratuity	100%	100%	NA	100%	100%	NA
ESI *	15%	73%	YES	24%	75%	YES
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-

*100% of eligible employees whose salary is less than ₹ 21,000 per month are covered.

3. Accessibility of workplaces

Are the premises / offices of the entity accessible to differently abled employees and workers, as per the requirements of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016? If not, whether any steps is being taken by the entity in this regard.

Yes. We ensure accessibility of the premises / offices for differently abled employees where the differently abled employees are exists.

4. Does the entity have an equal opportunity policy as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016? If so, provide a web-link to the policy.

Yes, our policy clearly states our commitment as an equal opportunity employer. The Company advocates a constructive business environment which ensures equal employment opportunities for all without any discrimination. Since this policy is meant for employees of the Company, it is made available on intranet of the Company.

5. Return to work and Retention rates of permanent employees and workers that took parental leave.

Gender	Permanent employees		Permanent workers	
	Return to work rate	Retention rate	Return to work rate	Retention rate
Male	100%	100%	100%	100%
Female	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

6. Is there a mechanism available to receive and redress grievances for the following categories of employees and worker? If yes, give details of the mechanism in brief.

Permanent Workers	Yes, The Company has a whistle blower mechanism in place to receive and redress grievances for all categories of employees.
Other than Permanent Workers	
Permanent Employees	
Other than Permanent Employees	

7. Membership of employees and worker in association(s) or Unions recognised by the listed entity:

Not Applicable

Category	Current FY 2023-24			Previous FY 2022-23		
	Total employees / workers in respective category (A)	No. of employees / workers in respective category, who are part of association(s) or Union (B)	% (B / A)	Total employees / workers in respective category (C)	No. of employees / workers in respective category, who are part of association(s) or Union (D)	% (D / C)
Total Permanent Employees						
-Male						
-Female						
Total Permanent Workers						
-Male						
-Female						

**8. Details of training given to employees and workers:**

The Company is arranging training program for all the employees and workers on health and safety measures. Skill development training program are conducted for higher management and the employees who are selected for the same during their performance review.

Category	Current FY 2023-24					Previous FY 2022-23				
	Total (A)	On Health and safety measures		On Skill upgradation		Total (D)	On Health and safety measures		On Skill upgradation	
		No. (B)	% (B / A)	No. (C)	% (C / A)		No. (E)	% (E / A)	No. (F)	% (F / A)
Employees										
Male	4250	4250	100%	3456	81%	4395	4395	100%	3523	80%
Female	379	379	100%	142	37%	366	366	100%	100	27%
Total	4629	4629	100%	3598	78%	4761	4761	100%	3623	76%
Workers										
Male	665	665	100%	0	0%	681	681	100%	0	0%
Female	1	1	100%	0	0%	1	1	100%	0	0%
Total	666	666	100%	0	0%	682	682	100%	0	0%

9. Details of performance and career development reviews of employees and worker:

Category	Current FY 2023-24			Current FY 2022-23		
	Total (A)	No. (B)	% (B / A)	Total (C)	No. (D)	% (D / C)
Employees						
- Male	4250	4250	100%	4395	4395	100%
- Female	379	379	100%	366	366	100%
Total	4629	4629		4761	4761	
Workers						
- Male	665	665	100%	681	681	100%
- Female	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
Total	666	666		682	682	

Performance review is being done annually for all existing employees and workers and new joiners who have joined before Oct month of the relevant year.

10. Health and safety management system:**a. Whether an occupational health and safety management system has been implemented by the entity? (Yes/No). If yes, the coverage of such system?**

Yes, The Company has Occupational, Health & Safety Policy. DBCL strives to provide a safe, healthy, clean and ergonomic working environment for its employees. The safety and security of employees in the workplace is a primary concern of the Company. DBCL requires each employee to perform his or her work in a safe manner so as not to cause harm to themselves or others. DBCL similarly insists that work conducted under its leadership or supervision be performed safely. Work performed individually or under company leadership must also comply with applicable environmental standards and regulations.

b. What are the processes used to identify work-related hazards and assess risks on a routine and non-routine basis by the entity?

The work-related hazards are identified through the use of Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (HIRA). Further, the Company has regular review mechanism to assess the work related hazards.

c. Whether you have processes for workers to report the work related hazards and to remove themselves from such risks. (Y/N)

Yes, we encourage our employees and workers to report any unsafe conditions or unsafe acts or near miss incidents promptly to the health & safety team to ensure corrective action in timely manner.

d. Do the employees/ worker of the entity have access to non-occupational medical and healthcare services? (Yes/ No)

Yes, the Company has primary medical facilities at its plant locations. Employees and their immediate families have medical insurance or are covered under ESI benefits that covers hospitalisation costs in the event of an accident or other unforeseen medical emergencies.

11. Details of safety related incidents, in the following format:

Safety Incident/Number	Category	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) (per one million-person hours worked)	Employees	0	0
	Workers	0	0
Total recordable work-related injuries	Employees	0	0
	Workers	13	8
No. of fatalities	Employees	0	0
	Workers	0	0
High consequence work-related injury or ill-health (excluding fatalities)	Employees	0	0
	Workers	0	0

12. Describe the measures taken by the entity to ensure a safe and healthy work place.

The Company has a Safety, Health and Environment Policy which is approved by the Board of Directors. Following additional measures are taken by the Company to ensure safe and healthy environment;

- Provide a workplace environment that is safe, hygienic, and which upholds the dignity of the employees and workers.
- Create systems and practices to ensure a harassment free workplace where employees feel safe and secure in discharging their responsibilities.
- Periodic check of equipment
- Health and safety trainings/sessions

13. Number of Complaints on the following made by employees and workers:

Nil

	Current FY 2023-24			Previous FY 2022-23		
	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks
Working Conditions	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Health & Safety	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

14. Assessments for the year:

	% of your plants and offices that were assessed (by entity or statutory authorities or third parties)
Health and safety practices	Nil
Working Conditions	Nil

15. Provide details of any corrective action taken or underway to address safety-related incidents (if any) and on significant risks / concerns arising from assessments of health & safety practices and working conditions.

Not Applicable

**Leadership Indicators**

1. Does the entity extend any life insurance or any compensatory package in the event of death of (A) Employees (B) Workers.

Yes, all employees and workers are covered by life insurance, and in the event of an employee's death, they are also covered by a compensation package. The Company provides fixed amounts of benefits in case of Natural Death or Accidental death of Employee from the Karmachari Aapat Nidhi Trust established by the Company.

2. Provide the measures undertaken by the entity to ensure that statutory dues have been deducted and deposited by the value chain partners.

Measures are taken as part of our due diligence activity to ensure that statutory dues have been deducted and deposited by the value chain partners.

3. Provide the number of employees / workers having suffered high consequence work- related injury / ill-health / fatalities (as reported in Q11 of Essential Indicators above), who have been are rehabilitated and placed in suitable employment or whose family members have been placed in suitable employment:

	Total no. of affected employees/ workers		No. of employees/workers that are rehabilitated and placed in suitable employment or whose family members have been placed in suitable employment	
	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Employees	Not Applicable		Not Applicable	
Workers	Not Applicable		Not Applicable	

4. Does the entity provide transition assistance programs to facilitate continued employability and the management of career endings resulting from retirement or termination of employment?
No

5. Details on assessment of value chain partners:

	% of value chain partners (by value of business done with such partners) that were assessed
Health and safety practices	Not Applicable
Working Conditions	Not Applicable

6. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks / concerns arising from assessments of health and safety practices and working conditions of value chain partners.

Not Applicable

PRINCIPLE 4: Businesses should respect the interests of and be responsive to all its stakeholders**Essential Indicators**

1. Describe the processes for identifying key stakeholder groups of the entity.

Key stakeholders include management, employees, suppliers, customers and industry associations, Investors, Government and Regulatory Bodies who continuously add value to the Company's business and also have a significant influence on the Company's decisions which impact environment, economy and society.

2. List stakeholder groups identified as key for your entity and the frequency of engagement with each stakeholder group.

Stakeholder Group	Whether identified as Vulnerable & Marginalized Group (Yes/No)	Channels of communication (Email, SMS, Newspaper, Pamphlets, Advertisement, Community Meetings, Notice Board, Website) others	Frequency of engagement Annually / Half yearly/ Quarterly / others-	Purpose and scope of engagement including key topics and concerns raised during please specify) such engagement
Investors	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly financial results Annual report Investor meetings Annual General Meeting Investors Calls 	Annually, Quarterly, Periodically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Updates Financial information Market developments Non-financial disclosures Product growth
Government and Regulatory Bodies	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory filings Facility inspections Annual report 	As per applicable rules/regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit and inspections requirements Policy requirements Assessments
Employees	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induction program Training programs Intranet portals Performance appraisal reviews 	Regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training requirements Employee wellbeing, health and Safety Perks & remuneration Engagement Programs
Consumers or end users	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertisement, and events Digital and social media connect Website Phone calls, e-mails and meetings 	Periodically / Regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product details Product pricing Product feedback New product development Better service
Industry Bodies and Associations	No	Participation in industry forums	Periodically / Regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions on the issues faced by the industry Knowledge exchange and latest trends in the industry
Communities	Yes	CSR projects through surveys and focused group discussions	Periodically / Regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community needs
Suppliers	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mails and phone calls meetings 	Periodically / Regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pricing and quality issues Supply chain issues/ solutions Capacity development
Hawkers and Agents	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mails and phone calls meetings 	Periodically Regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New product launches Distribution channel issues/ solutions New Schemes Customer preferences-Incentive

**Leadership Indicators**

1. Provide the processes for consultation between stakeholders and the Board on economic, environmental, and social topics or if consultation is delegated, how is feedback from such consultations provided to the Board.

It is Company's priority to regularly engage to the most important stakeholders, keeping them informed about our strategy and performance in a proactive manner. By maintaining constant communication and seeking feedback, we ensure that everyone is on the same page and their expectations are aligned. Additionally, it is regularly updated to the Board on any relevant developments and their input and feedback is sought.

2. Whether stakeholder consultation is used to support the identification and management of environmental, and social topics (Yes / No). If so, provide details of instances as to how the inputs received from stakeholders on these topics were incorporated into policies and activities of the entity.

Yes, we ensure that we take inputs from stakeholders and integrate them into our processes and policies. Company tracks the key topics discussed with the stakeholders namely customers, agents, suppliers, investors, employees, community, industry associations and regulatory bodies and incorporate the findings into company policies wherever applicable.

3. Provide details of instances of engagement with, and actions taken to, address the concerns of vulnerable/marginalized stakeholder groups.

Not Applicable

PRINCIPLE 5 Businesses should respect and promote human rights**Essential Indicators**

1. Employees and workers who have been provided training on human rights issues and policy(ies) of the entity, in the following format:

Category	Current FY 2023-24			Previous FY 2022-23		
	Total (A)	No. of employees / workers covered (B)	% (B / A)	Total (C)	No. of employees / workers covered (D)	% (D / C)
Employees						
Permanent	The Company has adopted various policies namely Code of Conduct, Anti- Corruption Policy, Business Ethics & Labour Policy, Policy on Child Labour & Forced Labour, Policy on Sexual Harassment, Whistle-blower Policy to protect the Human Rights Issues of the Employees. The Policies are available on the intranet of the Company. Trainings on various policies of the Company and on Human Rights are provided at the time of induction and on periodic basis. All Employees are expected to adhere to it during the course of their association with the Company					
Other than permanent						
Total Employees						
Workers						
Permanent	Our Code of Conduct covers principles of Human Rights. During our induction session the Code of Conduct, Human Rights principles are explained in detail. All workers are expected to adhere to it during the course of their association with the Company.					
Other than permanent						
Total Workers						

2. Details of minimum wages paid to employees and workers, in the following format;

Category	Current FY 2023-24					Previous FY 2022-23				
	Total (A)	Equal to Minimum Wage to		More than Minimum Wage		Total (D)	Equal to Minimum Wage to		More than Minimum Wage	
		No. (B)	% (B / A)	No. (C)	% (C / A)		No. (E)	% (E / D)	No. (F)	% (F / D)
Employees										
Permanent										
Male	3675	0	0.00%	3675	100.00%	3619	38	1.05%	3581	98.95%
Female	317	0	0.00%	317	100.00%	261	1	0.38%	260	99.62%
Other than Permanent										
Male	575	0	0.00%	575	100.00%	776	0	0.00%	776	100.00%
Female	62	0	0.00%	62	100.00%	105	0	0.00%	105	100.00%
Workers										
Permanent										
Male	656	0	0.00%	656	100.00%	619	39	0.42%	580	93.70%
Female	1	0	0.00%	1	100.00%	1	0	0	1	100.00%
Other than Permanent										
Male	9	0	0.00%	9	100.00%	62	0	1.37%	62	100.00%
Female	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

3. Details of remuneration/salary/wages, in the following format:

	Male		Female	
	Number	Median remuneration / salary/ wages of respective category	Number	Median remuneration/ salary/ wages of respective category
Board of Directors (BoD) *	4	21,622,397	2	-
Key Managerial Personnel #	1	7,633,913	1	2,967,846
Employees other than BoD and KMP	4,249	439,200	378	480,000
Workers	665	240,108	1	230,916

*Out of total 6 Directors, only two directors have been paid remuneration. Other Directors are eligible to take sitting fee only.

#Excluding Executive Directors who are considered in BoD.

4. Do you have a focal point (Individual/ Committee) responsible for addressing human rights impacts or issues caused or contributed to by the business?

Yes, our Human Resources function is responsible for handling human rights related impacts and issues arising from our operations. In the endeavor to create consistent value propositions for all the stakeholders and to ensure the highest level of honesty, integrity and ethical behavior in all its operations, the Company has adopted 'Whistle-Blower Policy'. Through this Policy the Company encourages stakeholders to bring to the Company's attention any instance of unethical behavior and actual or suspected misconducts of fraud or violation of Company's Code of Conduct that could adversely impact Company's operation, business performance and / or reputation.

5. Describe the internal mechanisms in place to redress grievances related to human rights issues.

Our employees and workers can write or consult the Human Resource Officer or HR heads of respective plants / offices. Also, Company has in place, Whistle Blower policy which also provides necessary safeguards to all Whistle Blowers for human rights issues

**6. Number of Complaints on the following made by employees and workers:**

	Current FY 2023-24			Previous FY 2022-23		
	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks
Sexual Harassment	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Discrimination at workplace	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Child Labour	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Forced Labour/ Involuntary Labour	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Wages	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Other human rights related issues	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA

7. Complaints filed under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, in the following format:

Particulars	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Total Complaints reported under Sexual Harassment on of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH)	Nil	Nil
Complaints on POSH as a % of female employees / workers	Nil	Nil
Complaints on POSH upheld	NA	NA

8. Mechanisms to prevent adverse consequences to the complainant in discrimination and harassment cases.

If there is any incident related to discrimination or harassment, then the first point of contact for the employees will be their Unit HR Head. Company has in place, Whistle Blower policy which provides necessary safeguards to all Whistle Blowers for making disclosures in Good Faith and any stakeholder assisting the investigation

9. Do human rights requirements form part of your business agreements and contracts?

We encourage our business partners to adhere to responsible business practices and follow all applicable laws and regulations.

10. Assessments for the year:

	% of your plants and offices that were assessed (by entity or statutory authorities or third parties)
Child labour	Nil
Forced/involuntary labour	Nil
Sexual harassment	Nil
Discrimination at workplace	Nil
Wages	Nil
Others – please specify	Nil

11. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks / concerns arising from the assessments at Question 9 above.

Not Applicable

Leadership Indicators**1. Details of a business process being modified / introduced as a result of addressing human rights grievances/ complaints.**

Through different mechanisms and a vigil system in place, the Company assures more sensitized workforce towards Human Rights. No complaints were received during the year.

2. Details of the scope and coverage of any Human rights due-diligence conducted.

No such due diligence was conducted. However, we respect human rights, and compliance with the human rights policy is of utmost importance at our company and the policy is embedded in our Company's Code of Conduct.

3. Is the premise/office of the entity accessible to differently abled visitors, as per the requirements of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016?

At present all the offices and units are not accessible to differently abled visitors, however the Company is in the process to take needful actions in this direction.

4. Details on assessment of value chain partners:

	% of value chain partners (by value of business done with such partners) that were assessed
Sexual Harassment	None
Discrimination at workplace	
Child Labour	
Forced Labour/Involuntary Labour	
Wages	
Others – please specify	

5. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks / concerns arising from the assessments at Question 4 above.

Not Applicable

PRINCIPLE 6: Businesses should respect and make efforts to protect and restore the environment

Essential Indicators

1. Details of total energy consumption in Giga Joules and energy intensity, in the following format:

Parameter	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
From renewable sources		
Total electricity consumption (A)	-	-
Total fuel consumption (B)	-	-
Energy consumption through other sources (C) (Solar Energy)	10,393	8,550
Total energy consumed from renewable sources (A+B+C)	10,393	8,550
From non-renewable sources		
Total electricity consumption (D)	76,874	75860
Total fuel consumption (E)	12,035	14510
Energy consumption through other sources (F)	-	-
Total energy consumed from non-renewable sources (D+E+F)	88,909	90370
Total energy consumed (A+B+C+D+E+F)	99,302	98,920
Energy intensity per rupee of turnover (Total energy consumption/turnover in rupees)	4.00 Giga Joules / ₹ million	4.57 Giga Joules / ₹ million
Energy intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)	NA	NA
Energy intensity in terms of physical output	NA	NA
Energy intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	NA	NA



Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

No

2. Does the entity have any sites / facilities identified as designated consumers (DCs) under the Performance, Achieve and Trade (PAT) Scheme of the Government of India? (Y/N) If yes, disclose whether targets set under the PAT scheme have been achieved. In case targets have not been achieved, provide the remedial action taken, if any.

Not Applicable

3. Provide details of the following disclosures related to water, in the following format

Parameter	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Water withdrawal by source (in kilolitres)		
(i) Surface water	0	0
(ii) Groundwater	25974	27540
(iii) Third party water	0	0
(iv) Seawater / desalinated water	0	0
(v) Others	0	0
Total volume of water withdrawal(in kilolitres) (i + ii + iii + iv + v)	25974	27540
Total volume of water consumption (in kilolitres)	25974	27540
Water intensity per rupee of turnover (Water consumed / turnover)	1.05 kilolitres/ million	1.27 kilolitres/ million
Water intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)	NA	NA
Water intensity in terms of physical output	NA	NA
Water intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	NA	NA

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

No

4. Provide the following details related to water discharged:

Parameter	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Water discharge by destination and level of treatment (in kilolitres)		
(i) To Surface water		
- No treatment	1558	1652
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment	4115 1. Primary treatment 2. Secondary treatment 3. Tertiary treatment	4428 1. Primary treatment 2. Secondary treatment 3. Tertiary treatment
(ii) To Groundwater		
- No treatment	3377	3580
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment	Nil	Nil
(iii) To Seawater		
- No treatment	Nil	Nil
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment	Nil	Nil
(iv) Sent to third-parties		
- No treatment	260	275
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment	Nil	Nil

Parameter	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
(v) Others		
- No treatment	Nil	Nil
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment	Nil	Nil
Total water discharged (in kilolitres)	9310	9935

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

No

5. Has the entity implemented a mechanism for Zero Liquid Discharge? If yes, provide details of its coverage and implementation.

Not Applicable

6. Please provide details of air emissions (other than GHG emissions) by the entity, in the following format:

Parameter	Please specify unit	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
NOx	l/kwh	12342203	9519644
Sox	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Particulate matter (PM)	l/kwh	458908	353959
Persistent organic pollutants (POP)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Volatile organic compounds (VOC)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Hazardous air pollutants (HAP)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Others – please Specify	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

No

7. Provide details of greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions) & its intensity, in the following format:

Parameter	Unit	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Total Scope 1 emissions (Break-up of the GHG into CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HFCs, PFCs, SF ₆ , NF ₃ , if available)	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent	842	1016
Total Scope 2 emissions (Break-up of the GHG into CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HFCs, PFCs, SF ₆ , NF ₃ , if available)	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent	18151	17911
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions per rupee of Turnover		0.77 Metric tonnes / million	0.87 Metric tonnes / million
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission intensity in terms of physical output	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	Nil	Nil	Nil



Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

No

8. Does the entity have any project related to reducing Green House Gas emission? If yes, then provide details.

The Company has installed Solar Power Plants at various plants and offices of the Company with a capacity of 2191 KW. The Company is gradually increasing the no. of Solar Power Plants at other plants and offices.

9. Provide details related to waste management by the entity, in the following format:

Parameter	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Total Waste generated (in metric tonnes)		
Plastic waste (A)	168.38	166.57
E-waste (B)	6.13	4.01
Bio-medical waste (C)	NA	NA
Construction and demolition waste (D)	NA	NA
Battery waste (E)	NA	NA
Radioactive waste (F)	NA	NA
Other Hazardous waste. Please specify, if any. (G)	NA	NA
Other Non-hazardous waste generated (H). Please specify, if any. (Break-up by composition i.e. by materials relevant to the sector)	NA	NA
Total (A+B + C + D + E + F + G + H)	174.51	170.58
For each category of waste generated, total waste recovered through recycling, re-using or other recovery operations (in metric tonnes)		
Category of waste		
(i) Recycled	NA	NA
(ii) Re-used	NA	NA
(iii) Other recovery operations	NA	NA
Total		
For each category of waste generated, total waste disposed by nature of disposal method (in metric tonnes)		
Category of waste		
(i) Incineration	NA	NA
(ii) Landfilling	NA	NA
(iii) Other disposal operations*	170.58	149.32
Total	170.58	149.32

*Plastic waste is sold to the industries / dealers for the purpose of recycling.

#E-waste disposes through approved and authorised vendors for safe disposal.

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

No

10. Briefly describe the waste management practices adopted in your establishments. Describe the strategy adopted by your company to reduce usage of hazardous and toxic chemicals in your products and processes and the practices adopted to manage such wastes.

DBCL takes responsibility for ensuring efficient conversion of raw materials into products and believes in a less wastage policy. Further, the Company's products are made from paper materials, and which are non- reactive and non-hazardous in nature.

11. If the entity has operations/offices in/around ecologically sensitive areas (such as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserves, wetlands, biodiversity hotspots, forests, coastal regulation zones etc.) where environmental approvals / clearances are required, please specify details in the following format:

Not Applicable

S. No.	Location of operations / offices	Type of operations	Whether the conditions of environmental approval / clearance are being complied with? (Y/N) If no, the reasons there of and corrective action taken, if any.
Not Applicable			

12. Details of environmental impact assessments of projects undertaken by the entity based on applicable laws, in the current financial year:

During the reporting period no environmental impact assessment of projects undertaken by the Company was done.

Name and brief details of project	EIA Notification No.	Date	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes / No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes / No)	Relevant Web link
Not Applicable					

13. Is the entity compliant with the applicable environmental law/ regulations/ guidelines in India; such as the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, Environment protection act and rules thereunder (Y/N). If not, provide details of all such non-compliances, in the following format:

As a responsible corporate citizen, DBCL continues to be in compliance with all the applicable environmental laws and permissible limits set by the regulatory authorities.

S. No.	Specify the law / regulation / guidelines which was not complied with	Provide details of the non-compliance	Any fines / penalties / action taken by regulatory agencies such as pollution control boards or by courts	Corrective action taken, if any
Not Applicable				

Leadership Indicators

1. Water withdrawal, consumption and discharge in areas of water stress (in kilolitres):

For each facility / plant located in areas of water stress, provide the following information:

- (i) Name of the area
- (ii) Nature of operations
- (iii) Water withdrawal, consumption and discharge in the following format:

Company's Plants are not located in any Water Stress areas; hence such details are **Not Applicable**.

Parameter	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Water withdrawal by source (in kilolitres)		
(i) Surface water		
(ii) Groundwater		
(iii) Third party water		
(iv) Seawater / desalinated water		
	Not Applicable	Not Applicable



Parameter	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
(v) Others	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Total volume of water withdrawal (in kilolitres)		
Total volume of water consumption (in kilolitres)		
Water intensity per rupee of turnover (Water consumed / turnover)		
Water intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the Entity		
Water discharge by destination and level of treatment (in kilolitres)		
(i) Into Surface water		
- No treatment		
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment		
(ii) Into Groundwater		
- No treatment		
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment		
(iii) Into Seawater		
- No treatment		
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment		
(iv) Sent to third-parties		
- No treatment		
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment		
(v) Others		
- No treatment		
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment		
Total water discharged (in kilolitres)		

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

Not Applicable

2. Please provide details of total Scope 3 emissions & its intensity, in the following format:

Not Applicable

Parameter	Unit	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Total Scope 3 emissions (Break-up of the GHG into CO2, CH4, N2O, HFCs, PFCs, SF6, NF3, if available)	<i>Metric tonnes of CO2 equivalent</i>	Not Measured	Not Measured
Total Scope 3 emissions per rupee of turnover			
Total Scope 3 emission intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity			

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

No

3. With respect to the ecologically sensitive areas reported at Question 10 of Essential Indicators above, provide details of significant direct & indirect impact of the entity on biodiversity in such areas along-with prevention and remediation activities.

Not Applicable, as the Company does not have operations/offices in/around ecologically sensitive areas (such as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserves, wetlands, biodiversity hotspots, forests, coastal regulation zones etc.) where environmental approvals / clearances are required

4. If the entity has undertaken any specific initiatives or used innovative technology or solutions to improve resource efficiency, or reduce impact due to emissions / effluent discharge / waste generated, please provide details of the same as well as outcome of such initiatives, as per the following format:

Sr. No	Initiative undertaken	Details of the initiative (<i>Web-link, if any, may be provided along-with summary</i>)	Outcome of the initiative
1	Installation of rainwater harvesting structure	The Company has rainwater harvesting structures in most of the plant and draw the water required from these sources, thus reducing our usage of ground water resources	Lower dependency on groundwater.
2	Installation of Solar Power Plant	The Company has installed Solar Power Plants at various plants and offices of the Company having capacity of 2191 KW.	Solar energy is a sustainable energy source, has a low environmental impact, and promotes energy independence.

5. Does the entity have a business continuity and disaster management plan? Give details in 100 words/ web link.

Our SAP system is being fully backed up daily and syncs with Disaster Recovery Server continuously. To ensure that business operations can continue regardless of any mishap or disaster, we have set up a disaster recovery site for the SAP at Mumbai data center.

Further, we have location-based emergency response plans which include periodic mock drills against events such as fire, earthquake, etc. Our highly experienced team with right mix of people, and frequent knowledge exchange sessions between leadership team and plant representatives ensures highest product quality, desired production levels and no disruptions in any business functions.

6. Disclose any significant adverse impact to the environment, arising from the value chain of the entity. What mitigation or adaptation measures have been taken by the entity in this regard?

There was no reported adverse impact to the environment arising from the value chain of the company.

7. Percentage of value chain partners (by value of business done with such partners) that were assessed for environmental impacts.

None

PRINCIPLE 7 Businesses, when engaging in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a manner that is responsible and transparent

Essential Indicators

1. a. Number of affiliations with trade and industry chambers/ associations. – 13
- b. List the top 10 trade and industry chambers/ associations (determined based on the total members of such body) the entity is a member of/ affiliated to.

S. No.	Name of the trade and industry chambers/ associations	Reach of trade and industry chambers/ associations (State/National)
1	Indian Newspaper Society	National
2	Registrar of Newspapers for India	National
3	Audit Bureau of Circulations	National



S. No.	Name of the trade and industry chambers/ associations	Reach of trade and industry chambers/ associations (State/National)
4	Director of Advertising and Visual Publicity	National
5	Association of Radio Operations of India	National
6	Internet and Mobile Association of India	National
7	Indian Chapter of International Advertising Association	National
8	Media Research Users Council (Indian Readership Survey)	National
9	World Association of News Publishers (WAN – IFRA)	International
10	International News Media Association (INMA)	International
11	Digital News Publishers' Association	National
12	The Entrepreneurs' Organization USA	International
13	The Advertising Standards Council	National

2. Provide details of corrective action taken or underway on any issues related to anti- competitive conduct by the entity, based on adverse orders from regulatory authorities.

The Company has not received any adverse order from the regulatory authority

Name of authority	Brief of the case	Corrective action taken
	Not Applicable	

Leadership Indicators

1. Details of public policy positions advocated by the entity:

DBCL is in the business of printing and publishing of Newspaper. Newspapers are the main source of disseminating information. They play a key role as agenda setters in modern society. The function of newspapers in publicizing issues by giving in-depth view on issues like women, environment, education, poverty etc. is very significant. Press as one of the pillars of democracy plays a constructive role in the national development.

The duty of the Newspaper is to;

- i) Educate instead of merely entertaining.
- ii) Maintaining social stability and racial harmony.
- iii) Aid in economic development and nation building.

S. No.	Public policy advocated	Method resorted for such advocacy	Whether information available in public domain? (Yes/No)	Frequency of Review by Board (Annually/ Half yearly/ Quarterly / Others – please specify)	Web Link, if available
			Nil		

PRINCIPLE 8 Businesses should promote inclusive growth and equitable development

Essential Indicators

1. Details of Social Impact Assessments (SIA) of projects undertaken by the entity based on applicable laws, in the current financial year.

Name and brief details of project	SIA Notification No.	Date of notification	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes / No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes / No)	Relevant Web link
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No Social Impact Assessment was conducted during the year. The Company supports inclusive growth and equitable development through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs. The Company has always strived to provide better health, education and vocational skills to the people in or around its manufacturing units located in various states of India. The Company extends its social responsibility by engaging its strategic and trust based community development interventions. The Company has taken various CSR initiatives for support and development of society. The report on the CSR projects carried out by the Company is annexed as **Annexure D** of the Board's Report.

2. Provide information on project(s) for which ongoing Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) is being undertaken by your entity, in the following format:

Not applicable

S. No	Name of Project for which R&R is ongoing	State	District	No. of Project Affected Families (PAFs)	% of PAFs covered by R&R	Amounts paid to PAFs in the FY (In INR)
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Not Applicable

3. Describe the mechanisms to receive and redress grievances of the community.

Being Newspaper industry, our Editorial team regularly interacts with community members to identify and address their concerns.

4. Percentage of input material (inputs to total inputs by value) sourced from suppliers:

	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Directly sourced from MSMEs/ small producers	We currently do not track input material sourced from MSMEs / small producers. The Company is in process of taking appropriate steps to do so in future.	We currently do not track input material sourced from MSMEs / small producers. The Company will take appropriate steps to do so in future.
Directly from within India	Company's major input material is newsprint which is procured from national suppliers as well as from international suppliers as per requirement. All other materials are purchased from domestic and local suppliers only. The Company has procured 72% of total newsprint material from local and national suppliers from within India.	Company's major input material is newsprint which is procured from national suppliers as well as from international suppliers as per requirement. All other materials are purchased from domestic and local suppliers only. The Company has procured 89% of total newsprint material from local and national suppliers from within India.



5. Job creation in smaller towns – Disclose wages paid to persons employed (including employees or workers employed on a permanent or non-permanent / on contract basis) in the following locations, as % of total wage cost

Location	Current FY 2023-24	Previous FY 2022-23
Rural	0%	0%
Semi-urban	0%	0%
Urban	23%	25%
Metropolitan	77%	75%

(Place to be categorized as per RBI Classification System - rural / semi-urban / urban / metropolitan)

Leadership Indicators

1. Provide details of actions taken to mitigate any negative social impacts identified in the Social Impact Assessments (Reference: Question 1 of Essential Indicators above):

Not Applicable

Details of negative social impact identified	Corrective action taken
Not Applicable	

2. Provide the following information on CSR projects undertaken by your entity in designated aspirational districts as identified by government bodies:

The Company undertakes the CSR initiatives in the surrounding locations where it has its business presence. We have not undertaken any CSR projects in aspirational districts. The details of CSR programs / initiatives / projects undertaken by DBCL during financial year ended on March 31, 2024 are included in the 'Annual Report on CSR activities' which forms an annexure to the Board's Report forming a part of this Annual Report.

S. No.	State	Aspirational District	Amount spent (In INR)
Nil			

3. (a) Do you have a preferential procurement policy where you give preference to purchase from suppliers comprising marginalized /vulnerable groups? (Yes/No) - No
- (b) From which marginalized /vulnerable groups do you procure? – NA
- (c) What percentage of total procurement (by value) does it constitute? - NA

4. Details of the benefits derived and shared from the intellectual properties owned or acquired by your entity (in the current financial year), based on traditional knowledge:

Not Applicable

S. No.	Intellectual Property based on traditional knowledge	Owned/ Acquired (Yes/No)	Benefit shared (Yes / No)	Basis of calculating benefit share
Not Applicable				

5. Details of corrective actions taken or underway, based on any adverse order in intellectual property related disputes wherein usage of traditional knowledge is involve.

Not Applicable

Name of authority	Brief of the Case	Corrective action taken
Not Applicable		

6. Details of beneficiaries of CSR Projects:

The details of CSR programs / initiatives / projects undertaken by DBCL during financial year ended on March 31, 2024 are included in the 'Annual Report on CSR activities' which forms an annexure to the Board's Report forming a part of this Annual Report.

S. No.	CSR Project	No. of persons benefitted from CSR Projects	% of beneficiaries from vulnerable and marginalized groups
		As above	

PRINCIPLE 9 Businesses should engage with and provide value to their consumers in a responsible manner

Essential Indicators

1. Describe the mechanisms in place to receive and respond to consumer complaints and feedback.

There are certain email id's / helpline numbers that are provided to the relevant stakeholders to report their complaints / Grievances.

2. Turnover of products and/ services as a percentage of turnover from all products/service that carry information about:

	As a percentage to total turnover
Environmental and social parameters relevant to the product	Being Newspaper Industry, Not Applicable
Safe and responsible usage	
Recycling and/or safe disposal	

3. Number of consumer complaints in respect of the following:

	Current FY 2023-24		Remarks	Previous FY 2022-23		Remarks
	Received during the year	Pending resolution at end of year		Received during the year	Pending resolution at end of year	
Data privacy	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Advertising	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cyber-security	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Delivery of essential Services	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Restrictive Trade Practices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unfair Trade Practices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other	There are some queries of consumers which are routine in nature. The Company takes care of the same and resolves them immediately.					

4. Details of instances of product recalls on account of safety issues:

	Number	Reasons for recall
Voluntary recalls	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Forced recalls		



5. Does the entity have a framework/ policy on cyber security and risks related to data privacy? (Yes/No) If available, provide a web-link of the policy.

Yes, The Company has information security management policy which comprises of data protection, email, web and network protection. It also includes access control policy with two-factor authentication to protect the system from unauthorised access. Multiple security controls like firewall, end-point protection, web protection, etc. have been implemented to prevent data attacks and threats.

6. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway on issues relating to advertising, and delivery of essential services; cyber security and data privacy of customers; re-occurrence of instances of product recalls; penalty / action taken by regulatory authorities on safety of products / services.

Not Applicable

7. Provide the following information relating to data breaches:

- a. Number of instances of data breaches - Nil
- b. Percentage of data breaches involving personally identifiable information of customers - Nil
- c. Impact, if any, of the data breaches - Nil

Leadership Indicators

1. Channels / platforms where information on products and services of the entity can be accessed (provide web link, if available).

Information relating to the products can be accessed through the following websites of the Company.
<https://www.bhaskar.com/>, <https://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/>
<https://divyamarathi.bhaskar.com/>

2. Steps taken to inform and educate consumers about safe and responsible usage of products and/or services.

Not Applicable

3. Mechanisms in place to inform consumers of any risk of disruption/discontinuation of essential services.

Not Applicable

4. Does the entity display product information on the product over and above what is mandated as per local laws? (Yes/No/Not Applicable) If yes, provide details in brief.

Not Applicable

Did your entity carry out any survey with regard to consumer satisfaction relating to the major products / services of the entity, significant locations of operation of the entity or the entity as a whole? (Yes/No)

No

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