

CERTIFICATE
TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH

Background / Purpose

This Certificate is issued by us, in the capacity of Statutory Auditors of National Council of Applied Economic Research ('NCAER') having its Registered Office at Parisila Bhawan, 11 Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi - 110002, relating to the Foreign Contribution received and utilized by NCAER for its various research activities during the year ended 31st March, 2021 based on the examination / review of the accompanying financial statements which includes Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2021 and Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payments Account for the year then ended, and other explanatory notes and information.

Management Responsibility

Management of NCAER is responsible for the preparation of the aforesaid financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and Receipts and Payments of the Foreign Contribution (FC) Account/transactions of NCAER in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles, and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities

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 a certificate which includes our conclusion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing's, 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. Our Conclusion as given below is also and mainly based on our audit of the financial statements of NCAER for the year ended 31st March, 2021 on which we have issued our unmodified audit report dated 26th August, 2021.

Conclusion

We have audited the Foreign Contribution Account of NCAER for the financial year ended on 31st March, 2021 and examined all relevant books and vouchers and certify that according to the audited accounts/financial statements:

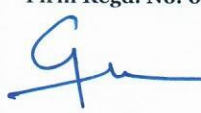


**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH
FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2021**

PARTICULARS	Schedule No.	As at 31st March, 2021 (Rs.)	As at 31st March, 2020 (Rs.)
<u>SOURCES OF FUNDS</u>			
Capital Asset fund		1,957,261	1,957,261
Corpus Fund	1	36,609,000	36,609,000
Unutilised Funds	2	77,979,599	121,620,995
Total		116,545,860	160,187,256
<u>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</u>			
Property, plant and equipment		1,957,261	1,957,261
Cash & Bank Balances	3	76,823,329	119,218,772
Investments	4	36,609,000	36,609,000
Interest Accrued but not due		1,156,270	2,402,223
Total		116,545,860	160,187,256
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts	8		

Schedules 1 to 8 form an integral part of the accounts

As per our certificate of even date attached
For S.P. Chopra & Co.
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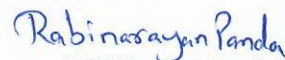

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Date: 14.12.2021




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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH
FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2021**

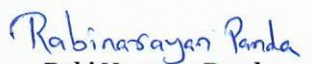
PARTICULARS	Schedule No.	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
INCOME			
Foreign Contribution for- Research Activities	5	17,723,849	110,505,857
Other Income	6	5,135,073	6,573,307
Total		22,858,922	117,079,164
EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure on Research Activities	7	66,473,000	70,476,988
Total		66,473,000	70,476,988
(Deficit)/Surplus transferred to Unutilised Funds		(43,614,078)	46,602,176
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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH

FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2021

RECEIPTS		Amount(Rs.)	PAYMENTS		Amount(Rs.)
Opening Bank Balances:			Contributions Utilised		
-ICICI Bank Account No. 000701071203	43,648		Omidyar Network Fund, Inc. - for study "Research on Land and Property Rights in India"	17,500,000	
-ICICI FCRA Utilisation Account No.000701269788	30,121		Nossal Institute Limited, Australia-for study "Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States"	13,873,000	
-Short Term Deposits (linked to FCRA Bank Account)	119,145,003	119,218,772	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study "The NCAER National Data Innovation Center"	35,100,000	66,473,000
Contributions Received			Closing Bank Balances:		
Omidyar Network Fund, Inc. - for study "Research on Land and Property Rights in India"	12,025,275		-ICICI Bank Account No. 000701071203	3,166,946	
Nossal Institute Limited, Australia-for study "Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States"	5,698,574		-ICICI FCRA Utilisation Account No.000701269788	42,422	
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study "The NCAER National Data Innovation Center"	-	17,723,849	-Short Term Deposits (linked to FCRA Bank Account)	73,613,961	76,823,329
Other Receipts					
Interest on Savings Bank Account	144,158				
Interest on Short Term Deposit (Net of TDS)	6,209,550	6,353,708			
TOTAL		143,296,329			143,296,329

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Schedules forming part of the Accounts

Schedule 1 Corpus Fund

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2021 (Rs.)	As at 31st March, 2020 (Rs.)
The Ford Foundation - Contribution	26,849,000	26,849,000
Canadian International Development Agency - Contribution	9,760,000	9,760,000
Total	36,609,000	36,609,000

Schedule 2 Unutilised Funds

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2021 (Rs.)	As at 31st March, 2020 (Rs.)
Opening Balance	121,620,995	75,081,414
Less: Tds deducted on Short Term Investment	(27,318)	(62,595)
Add : (Deficit)/Surplus during the year	(43,614,078)	46,602,176
Total	77,979,599	121,620,995

Schedule 3 Cash & Bank Balances

Particulars	As at 31st March, 2021 (Rs.)	As at 31st March, 2020 (Rs.)
-ICICI Bank Account No. 000701071203	3,166,946	43,648
-ICICI Bank Account No.-000701269788	42,422	30,121
-Short Term Deposits (linked to FCRA Bank Account)	73,613,961	119,145,003
Total	76,823,329	119,218,772



Schedules forming part of the Accounts

Schedule 4 Investments

Particulars	Rate of Interest	Date of Maturity	As at 31st March 2021 (Rs.)	As at 31st March 2020 (Rs.)
Bonds				
Govt of India Bonds - 2005	7.50%	10-Aug-34	2,400,000	2,400,000
State Bank of India-Saving Bond 8%	8.00%	7-Aug-23	15,000,000	15,000,000
Fixed Deposits				
IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd	7.50%	8-Nov-20	-	8,000,000
HDFC Bank Ltd	7.40%	4-Jan-21	-	100,000
LIC Housing Finance Ltd	7.55%	27-Jan-22	225,000	225,000
State Bank of India	6.80%	7-Feb-21	-	240,000
HDFC Ltd.	7.57%	21-Nov-21	5,000,000	5,000,000
HDFC Ltd.	7.60%	8-Apr-21	3,527,000	3,527,000
LIC Housing Finance Ltd	7.55%	14-Jan-22	1,017,000	1,017,000
LIC Housing Finance Ltd	7.55%	27-Jan-22	1,100,000	1,100,000
IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd.	5.75%	13-Nov-21	8,000,000	
HDFC Ltd.	5.68%	11-Dec-22	100,000	
Canara Bank	5.40%	17-Feb-23	240,000	
Total			36,609,000	36,609,000



Schedules forming part of the Accounts

Schedule 5

Foreign contribution for Research activities

Particulars	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
IDRC-TTI Phase-II "Institutional Support to NCAER"	-	5,570,181
Nossal Institute Limited, Australia-for study "Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States"	5,698,574	10,782,790
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study " The NCAER National Data Innovation Center"	-	67,855,561
IDRC -Leadership Management and Govt Support for Think Tank	-	70,931
Omidyar Network Fund, Inc. - for study "Research on Land and Property Rights in India"	12,025,275	22,252,379
Ford Foundation- for study "Economic Research on Wage Employment and Migration"		3,974,015
Total	17,723,849	110,505,857

Schedule 6

Other Income

Particulars	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
Interest Income on:		
-Saving Bank Accounts	144,158	232,892
-Short term Deposits	4,990,915	6,340,415
Total	5,135,073	6,573,307

Schedule 7

Expenditure on Research activities

Particulars	Current Year (Rs.)	Previous Year (Rs.)
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study " State-level Direct Benefit Transfer Readiness Ranking"	-	1,600,000
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-for study " The NCAER National Data Innovation Center"	35,100,000	35,371,000
Ford Foundation- for study "Economic Research on Wage Employment and Migration"	-	4,056,049
IDRC-TTI Phase-II "Institutional Support to NCAER"	-	7,082,000
IDRC -Leadership Management and Govt Support for Think Tank	-	777,939
Nossal Institute Limited, Australia-for study "Health Seeking Behaviour in Four Indian States"	13,873,000	10,990,000
Omidyar Network Fund, Inc. - for study "Research on Land and Property Rights in India"	17,500,000	10,600,000
For Other Projects	-	-
Total	66,473,000	70,476,988



Schedule 8

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to the Foreign Contribution (FC) Account of National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) for the year ended 31st March, 2021

A. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. Basis of preparation of the Financial Statements:

The accompanying financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in India ("GAAP").

2. Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with "GAAP" in India requires the Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities on the date of financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The difference between actual results and estimates are recognised in the period in which the results are known/materialised.

3. Revenue Recognition:

Expenses on the research activities is accounted based on the advice of NCAER. Contribution received from various agencies in foreign currency is accounted for as and when received in FCRA account of NCAER.

4. Contribution:

Contributions received from international agencies are credited to "Corpus Fund"/in specific research activity.

5. Investments:

Long-term investments are primarily meant to be held over long-term period and are valued at cost. Short Term investments represent the surplus fund available in saving bank account and short term deposits.



B. NOTES TO ACCOUNTS:

1. NCAER is registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 bearing registration no. 231650541 dated 05.08.2016.
2. Depreciation is not provided on the Property, plant and equipments.
3. The Investment against Corpus Fund is a part of NCAER's main Corpus Fund. Interest earned thereon is not in FCRA Account and utilized by NCAER to carry out research and other related activities consistent with NCAER's Memorandum of Association and the purpose for which it has been sanctioned.
4. The Unutilised funds represents balance lying in bank (including interest earned on bank balances) and amount of interest accrued but not due on Short Term Deposits.
5. Expenditure incurred in previous years on projects where not adjusted from FCRA Accounts are shown as utilised in current year.
6. The previous year's figures have been regrouped/rearranged wherever considered necessary.

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