

**Independent Branch Auditor's Report**

To,  
The Members  
Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank  
Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur (C.G)

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

**Qualified Opinion**

1. We have audited the Financial Statements of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank ( "the Bank") which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, the Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended, Cash flow statement for the year ended on that date including a summary of Significant Accounting Policies and other explanatory information in which are included returns for the year ended on that date of:

- 1) Head Office
- 2) 59 Branches audited by us
- 3) 327 branches audited by Statutory Branch Auditors

The branches audited by us and those audited by other auditors have been selected by the Bank in accordance with the guidelines issued to the Bank by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Also incorporated in the Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Account and the Statement of Cash Flows are the returns from 231 branches which have not been subjected to audit. These unaudited branches account for 24.83% of advances, 33.10 % of deposits, 28.58 % of interest income and 31.81% of interest expenses.

2. In our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, except for the matters specified in Basis for qualified opinion paragraph, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 and in accordance with guidelines issued by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development from time to time, in the manner so required for bank and are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India and

- a) Financial Statements the Balance Sheet, read with the schedules thereon is a full and fair Balance Sheet containing all the necessary particulars, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025
- b) the Profit and Loss Account, read with the notes thereon shows a true balance of profit for the year ended on that date; and
- c) the Cash Flow Statement gives a true and fair view of the cash flows for the year ended on that date

**Basis for Qualified Opinion**

3. The Bank has not disclosed segment information as required under Accounting Standard (AS) 17 - "Segment Reporting" issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Although there is no specific policy or regulatory mandate for Regional Rural Banks to present segment reporting, in our view, the Bank has identifiable operating segments, particularly Treasury and Retail segments, each contributing more than 10% of the total revenue.



We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by 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, 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.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

The reporting of Key Audit Matters (KAMs) is not mandatory to the Bank as it is not a listed entity.

#### **Management's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements**

4. The Bank's management is responsible with respect to the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Bank in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards issued by ICAI, and provisions of Section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, Regional Rural Bank Act 1976 and circulars and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India ('RBI') and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) from time to time. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act 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, management is 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 management either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

5. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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.





- Report that the audit at branch level is not be able to conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained at branch, 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.
- 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.

#### Other Matter

6. We did not audit the financial statements / information of 327 branches included in the Standalone Financial Statements of the Bank whose financial statements/ financial information reflect total advances of Rs 5399,20,18,869 at March 31, 2025 and total interest income of 443,37,22,333 for the year ended on that date, as considered in the Standalone Financial Statements. The financial statements/ information of these branches have been audited by the branch auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of these branches, is based solely on the report of such branch auditors. We had issued instructions to these branches in accordance with SA 600 "USING THE WORK OF ANOTHER AUDITOR" to assess the work performed by them, we have received responses from only 89 branches out of 327 branches from the Statutory Branch Auditors as of the date of this report, however after considering the responses received till date, we do not foresee any material misstatements at such branches and thus our opinion remains unmodified.

7. It is observed that Bank has used denomination (units of measurement) of figures i.e "Re" in financial statements but the denomination figures are not consistent across schedules and notes, however they have indicated the respective denominations i.e. (Lakhs or Crores etc) wherever necessary.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of the above matters.

#### Report on Other Legal & Regulatory Requirements

The Balance sheet, Profit & loss account and cash flow statement have been drawn up in accordance with Section 19 of the Regional Rural Bank Act 1976 read with Section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and in accordance with guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) from time to time.

Subject to the limitations of the audit indicated in paragraphs above as required by the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970/1980, and subject also to the limitations of disclosure required therein, 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 purposes of the audit and have found them to be satisfactory;

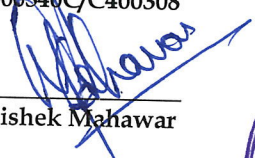


- b. The transactions of the bank which have come to our notice have been within the powers of the Bank;
- c. The returns received from the branch have been found adequate for the purposes of our audit;

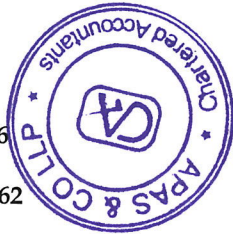
**We further report that:**

- a. 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;
- b. the Balance Sheet, and the Profit and Loss Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account;
- c. In our opinion, the Balance Sheet, and the Profit and Loss Account comply with the applicable accounting standards, to the extent they are not inconsistent with the accounting policies prescribed by RBI.

For, M/s APAS & CO LLP  
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Place of Signature - Raipur  
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