

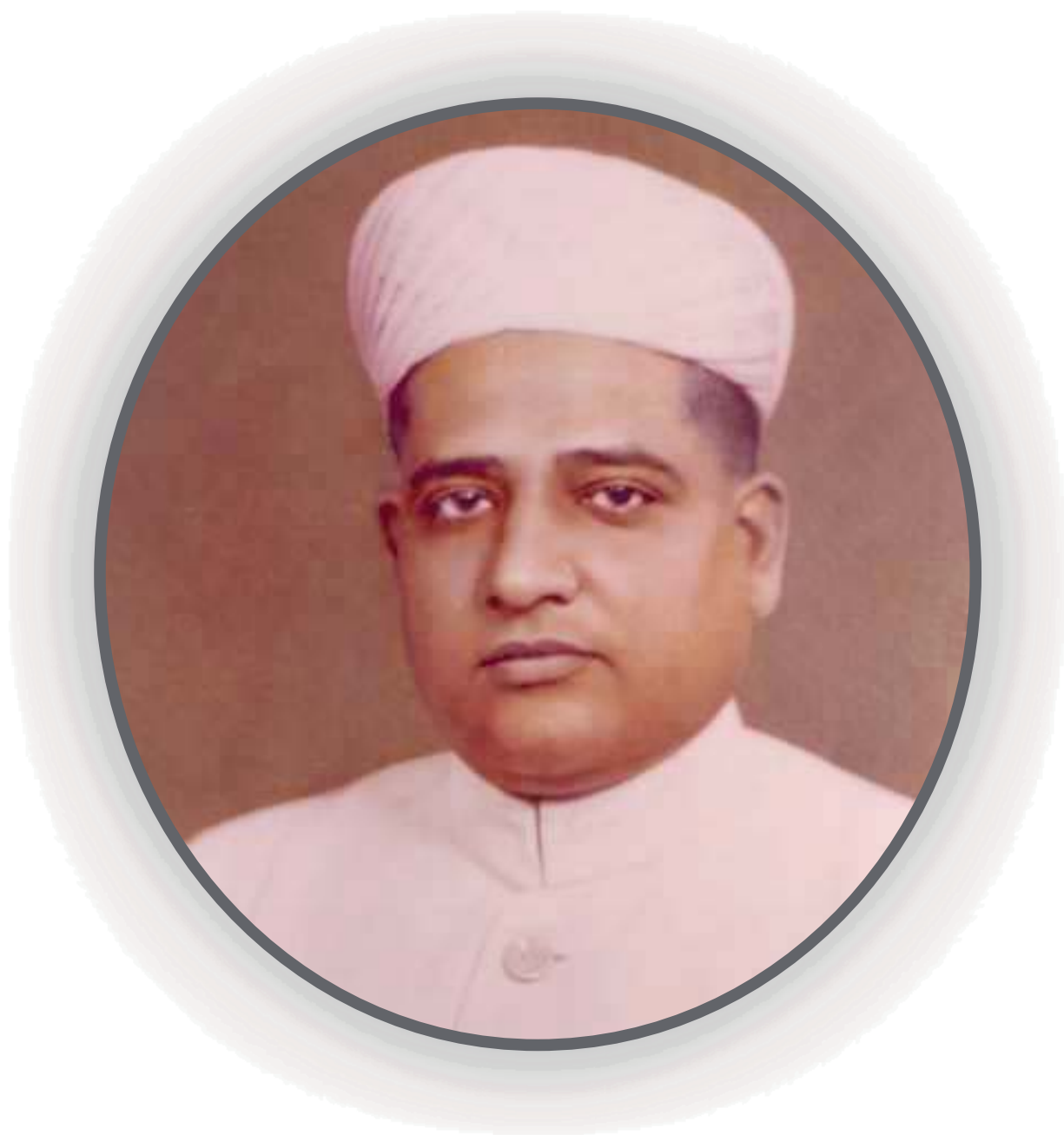


ANNUAL REPORT
2022-2023

ORIENT BEVERAGES LIMITED

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Our Founder
Anandilall Poddar
(1914-1961)

ORIENT BEVERAGES LIMITED

(CIN - L15520WB1960PLC024710)

Board of Directors (As on 14th August, 2023)	Sri Narendra Kumar Poddar	-	Chairman (DIN : 00304291)
	Sri Akshat Poddar	-	Managing Director (DIN : 03187840)
	Sri Ballabha Das Mundhra	-	Executive Director (DIN : 01162223)
	Dr. Gora Ghose	-	Independent Director (DIN : 00217079)
	Smt. Sarita Tulsyan	-	Director (DIN : 05285793)
	Sri Vivek Vardhan Agarwalla	-	Independent Director (DIN : 00674395)

Chief Financial Officer	Sri Arun Kumar Singhania
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Company Secretary	Sri Jiyut Prasad
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Audit Committee	Sri Vivek Vardhan Agarwalla	-	Chairman
	Dr. Gora Ghose	-	Member
	Sri Ballabha Das Mundhra	-	Member

Nomination and Remuneration Committee	Dr. Gora Ghose	-	Chairman
	Smt. Sarita Tulsyan	-	Member
	Sri Vivek Vardhan Agarwalla	-	Member

Stakeholders Relationship Committee	Smt. Sarita Tulsyan	-	Chairperson
	Sri Akshat Poddar	-	Member
	Sri Ballabha Das Mundhra	-	Member

Share Transfer Committee	Sri Narendra Kumar Poddar	-	Chairman
	Sri Akshat Poddar	-	Member
	Sri Ballabha Das Mundhra	-	Member
	Smt. Sarita Tulsyan	-	Member

Auditors	Tiwari & Company Chartered Accountants 107/1, Park Street, Kolkata - 700 016, W.B.
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Registered Office	“Aelpe Court”, 3rd Floor, 225C, A. J. C. Bose Road Kolkata - 700 020, W.B. Phone : (033) 2281 7001 / 7002 E-mail : cs@obl.org.in Website : www.obl.org.in
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Works

- NH-6, Mumbai Highway,
Salap More, Howrah - 711 409, W.B.
- Dag No. 418 & 419,
Durgapur Expressway, Durgapur Toll Plaza,
Dankuni, Hooghly - 712 310, W.B.
- Sankrail Industrial Park,
Near Dhulagarh Toll Plaza,
Chaturbhujkati, Sankrail,
Howrah - 711 313, W.B.
- Rukka Road
P.O. - Chakla, Ormanjhi
Ranchi - 835 219, Jharkhand

Bankers

Punjab National Bank
Union Bank of India
HDFC Bank
ICICI Bank
State Bank of India

**Registrars and Share
Transfer Agents**

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Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that 62nd Annual General Meeting of the member(s) of ORIENT BEVERAGES LIMITED will be held on Friday, 29th September, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.(IST) through Video Conferencing(VC) or Other Audio Visual Means(OAVM) for which purpose the Registered Office of the Company situated at "Aelpe Court", 3rd Floor, 225C, A. J. C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700 020, W.B. shall be deemed as the venue for the Meeting and the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to be made thereat, to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited standalone financial statements of the Company along with audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31st March, 2023 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To appoint a Director in place of Sri Ballabha Das Mundhra(DIN:01162223), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

3. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification, the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 185 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2017 and Rules made there under, including any statutory modification(s) thereto or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force, and subject to such other consents, permissions, approvals, as may be required in that behalf, the consent of the members of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the Board of Directors of the Company to provide loan/financial assistance including any loan represented by a book debt, or give any guarantee or provide any security in connection with any loan/financial assistance provided/to be provided to M/s Satyanarayan Rice Mill Private Limited ("SRMPL") subsidiary of the Company, in which some Directors of the Company may be deemed to be interested, by any other person or entity up to Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rupees Ten crore only) outstanding at any point of time.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution(s), the Board be and is hereby authorised to finalise, settle and execute such documents, deeds, writings, papers and agreements as may be required and to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be considered necessary, incidental and ancillary in order to give effect to this Resolution or otherwise considered by the Board of Directors to be in the interest of the Company."

By Order of the Board

Registered Office:

"Aelpe Court", 3rd Floor,
225C, A. J. C. Bose Road,
Kolkata- 700 020, W.B.
Dated: 14th August, 2023

Jiyut Prasad
Company Secretary
(ACS-28758)

NOTES:

1. The relevant details of Director seeking appointment/re-appointment as required under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), Secretarial Standard-2 on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India in respect of Item No. 2 of the Notice along with the Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013("the Act"), Secretarial Standards-2 on General Meetings and Listing Regulations in respect of Item No. 3 of the Notice, are annexed hereto.
2. In compliance with the Circular No. 10/2022 dated 28th December, 2022 read with Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated 8th April, 2020, 17/2020 dated 13th April, 2020, 20/2020 dated 5th May, 2020, 02/2021 dated 13th January, 2021, 21/2021 dated 14th December, 2021 and all other relevant Circulars ("MCA Circulars") issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

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("MCA") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/4 dated 5th January, 2023 ("SEBI Circular") issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") and relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") will be held without the physical presence of Shareholders at a common venue. In this Annual Report, the connotation of "Members" and "Shareholders" is the same.

Accordingly, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Act read with the said Circulars and SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company has decided to convene its 62nd AGM through VC/OAVM and the Members can attend and participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, a Member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf and the proxy need not be a member of the Company. However, since this AGM is being held through VC/OAVM, where by physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with and in line with relevant Circular, THE FACILITY TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND CAST VOTE FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice.

However, in terms of the provisions of Section 112 and 113 of the Act read with the relevant Circulars, Corporate Members are entitled to appoint their authorized representatives to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM on their behalf and participate thereat, including cast votes by electronic means (details of which are provided separately, here in below). Such Corporate Members are requested to refer 'General Guidelines for Shareholders' provided in here in below for more information.

4. The members can join the AGM through VC/OAVM mode 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice. The facility of participation at the AGM through VC/OAVM will be made available for 1000 members of first come first served basis. This will not include large Shareholders (i.e. Shareholders holding 2% or more shareholding), Promoters, Institutional investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairman/Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Auditors etc. who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first basis.
5. In line with relevant circulars issued by the MCA and SEBI, the Annual Report including Notice of the AGM of the Company inter alia indicating the process and manner of e-voting is being sent by Email, to all the Shareholders whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company/ Depository Participant(s) for communication purposes to the Shareholders and to all other persons so entitled.

Further, in terms of the applicable provisions of the Act, SEBI Listing Regulations read with the relevant Circulars issued by MCA and SEBI Circulars, the Annual Report including Notice of the AGM of the Company will also be available on the website of the Company at www.obl.org.in. The same can also be accessed from the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and The Calcutta Stock Exchange Ltd. at www.cse-india.com and on the website of CDSL at www.evotingindia.com.

6. The attendance of the members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act.
7. The members can cast their votes by way of remote e-voting provided by the Company through CDSL in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company held as on the cut-off date **22nd September, 2023**. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a member of the Company after sending of the Notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date, may obtain the Login ID and Password by sending a request at cs@obl.org.in. However, if he/she is already registered with CDSL for remote e-voting then he/she can use his/her existing User ID and Password for casting their vote.
8. The members, who have casted their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.
9. The Register of Member(s) and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from **Saturday, 23rd September, 2023 to Friday, 29th September, 2023 (both days inclusive)** for the purpose of ensuing AGM.

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10. The Board of Directors has not recommended any dividend during the financial year ended 31st March, 2023.
11. Shareholders seeking any information/queries with regard to accounts or any matter to be placed at the AGM, are requested to write to the Company at least 10 days in advance of the date of the AGM. The same will be replied by/on behalf of the Company suitably.
12. Member(s) are informed that the equity shares of the Company are listed on The Calcutta Stock Exchange Ltd. and BSE Ltd. The equity shares of the Company have been admitted both on NDSL & CDSL and may be dematerialised under the ISIN- INE247F01018.
13. Members are requested to note that the dividends not en-cashed for a period of 7(Seven) consecutive years from the date of transfer to the Company's Unpaid Dividend Account shall be transferred to the Investors Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF"). The details of the Unpaid Dividend lying with the Company are as follows:

Financial Year ended	Date of declaration of Dividend	Tentative Date for Transfer to IEPF
31st March, 2016	28.09.2016	31.10.2023
31st March, 2017	18.09.2017	21.10.2024
31st March, 2018	24.09.2018	25.10.2025
31st March, 2019	23.09.2019	25.10.2026
31st March, 2020	30.12.2020	03.02.2027

Members are requested to note that pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Auditing, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 ("IEPF Rules") as amended, all shares on which dividend has not been paid or claimed for 7(Seven) consecutive years or more, are required to be transferred to an IEPF Authority. The Company has sent intimation to all such Members who have not claimed their dividend for 7(Seven) consecutive years. During the FY 2022-23, the Company had transferred 28975 equity shares to the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority. Further, the unclaimed dividend in respect of FY2015-16 must be claimed by members on or before October 31, 2023, failing which the Company will be transferring the unclaimed dividend and the corresponding shares to the IEPF Authority within a period of 30 days from the said date. The Members thereafter need to claim their shares from IEPF Authority by filing Form IEPF-5 and by following such procedures as prescribed therein.

14. Members may please note that SEBI, vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD_RTAMB/P/CIR/2022/8 dated 25th January, 2022, has mandated Listed Companies to issue securities in demat form only while processing service requests viz. issue of duplicate securities certificate; claim from Unclaimed Suspense Account; renewal/exchange of securities certificate; endorsement; sub-division/splitting of securities certificate; consolidation of securities certificates/ folios; transmission and transposition. Accordingly, Shareholders are requested to make service requests by submitting a duly filled and signed Form ISR-4, the format of which is available on the website of Company at **www.obl.org.in**. It may be noted that any service request can be processed only after the folio is KYC compliant. SEBI, vide its notification dated 24th January, 2022, has mandated that all requests for transfer of securities including transmission and transposition requests shall be processed only in dematerialised form. In view of the same and to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares and avail various benefits of dematerialisation, Members are advised to dematerialise the shares held by them in physical form. Members can contact Company or its Registrars and Share Transfer Agents(RTA), for assistance in this regard.
15. SEBI has mandated the submission of Permanent Account Number (PAN) by every participant in securities market. Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN to the Depository Participant(s) with whom they maintain their demat accounts. Shareholders holding shares in physical form should submit their PAN to the Company/ RTA.

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16. Shareholders are requested to intimate changes, if any, pertaining to their name, postal address, e-mail ID, telephone/mobile numbers, PAN, mandates, nominations, power of attorney, bank details (such as name of the bank and branch details, bank account number, MICR code, IFSC code etc.), with necessary documentary evidence, to their Depository Participant(s) in case the shares are held by them in dematerialized form and to the Company/RTA in case the shares are held by them in physical form.
17. In terms of the provisions of Section 72 of the Act, the facility for making nomination is available for the Shareholders in respect of the shares held by them. Shareholders who have not yet registered their nomination are requested to register the same by submitting Form No. SH-13. Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized form are requested to submit the said details to their Depository Participant(s) and the Shareholders holding shares in physical form, are requested to submit the said details to the Company/RTA.
18. Shareholders are requested to quote their Folio No. or DP ID - Client ID, as the case may be, in all correspondence with the Company/RTA.
19. Since the AGM will be held through VC/OAVM, the route map of Venue of AGM is not furnished to this Notice.

20. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING ARE AS UNDER:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended), and relevant Circulars issued by MCA, the Company is providing facility of remote e-voting to its members in respect of the business to be transacted at the AGM. For this purpose, the Company has entered into an agreement with Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for facilitating voting through electronic means, as the authorized e-Voting's agency. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-voting as well as the e-voting system on the date of the AGM will be provided by CDSL.
2. The Company has appointed Sri Manoj Prasad Shaw of M/s Manoj Shaw & Co., Practising Company Secretaries, (Membership No.5517, Certificate of Practice No.4194) "Poddar Court", 18, Rabindra Sarani, Gate No.1, 3rd Floor, Room No.331, Kolkata - 700 001, W.B. as the Scrutinizer for conducting the remote e-voting and e-voting at AGM in the fair and transparent manner.
3. The Scrutinizer's decision on the validity of remote e-voting and e-voting at AGM will be final.
4. In line with the MCA Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, the Notice calling the AGM has been uploaded on the website of the Company at www.obl.org.in. The Notice can also be accessed from the websites of the Stock Exchanges where shares of the Company are listed. The AGM Notice is also disseminated on the website of CDSL (agency for providing the Remote e-Voting facility and e-voting system during the AGM) i.e. www.evotingindia.com.

THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS FOR E-VOTING AND JOINING VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE AS UNDER:

Step 1: Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

Step 2: Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

- (i) The voting period begins on **Tuesday, the 26th September, 2023 at 9.00 A.M.** and ends on **Thursday, the 28th September, 2023 at 5.00 P.M.** During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the Cut-off date i.e. **Friday, the 22nd September, 2023**, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- (ii) Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the time of AGM.

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- (iii) Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 09.12.2020 under Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 listed entities are required to provide remote voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders/retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

Currently, there are multiple e-voting service providers (ESPs) providing e-voting facility to listed entities in India. This necessitates registration on various ESPs and maintenance of multiple User IDs and Passwords by the shareholders.

In order to increase the efficiency of the voting process, pursuant to a public consultation, it has been decided to enable e-voting to **all the demat account holders, by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts/websites of Depositories/Depository Participants**. Demat account holders would be able to cast their vote without having to register again with the ESPs, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

Step 1: Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

In terms of SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 9th December, 2020 on e-voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories/ Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email-id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Pursuant to aforesaid SEBI Circular, Login method for e-voting and joining virtual meetings **for Individual shareholders holding securities in Demat mode CDSL/NSDL** is given below:

Type of Shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Users who have opted for CDSL Easi/Easiest facility, can login through their existing User Id and Password. Option will be made available to reach e-voting page without any further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi/Easiest are https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login or visit www.cdslindia.com and click on Login icon and select New System Myeasi. 2) After successful login the Easi/Easiest user will be able to see the e-voting option for eligible companies where the e-voting is in progress as per the information provided by Company. On clicking the e-voting option, the user will be able to see e-voting page of the e-voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting and voting during the meeting. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-voting Service Providers i.e. CDSL/NSDL/KARVY/LINKINTIME, so that the user can visit the e-voting service providers' website directly. 3) If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration. 4) Alternatively, the user can directly access e-voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from e-voting link available on www.cdslindia.com home page or click on https://evoting.cdslindia.com/Evoting/EvotingLogin. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile and Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-voting option where the e-voting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-voting Service Providers.

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Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	<p>1) If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-voting services. Click on "Access to e-voting" under e-voting services and you will be able to see e-voting page. Click on Company name or e-voting service provider name and you will be re-directed to e-voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting and voting during the meeting.</p> <p>2) If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com. Select "Register Online for IDeAS" Portal or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp</p> <p>3) Visit the e-voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen digit demat account number hold with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-voting page. Click on Company name or e-voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting and voting during the meeting.</p>
Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their Depository Participants	<p>You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-voting facility. After Successful login, you will be able to see e-voting option. Once you click on e-voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-voting feature. Click on Company name or e-voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-voting period or joining virtual meeting and voting during the meeting.</p>

Important note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at abovementioned website.

Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. CDSL and NSDL.

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33.
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30