

<u>CSR SPEND BY COMPANIES LISTED ON NSE CROSSES INR 10,000</u> <u>CRORE IN 2017-18: nseinfobase.com</u>

The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) spend by companies listed on NSE witnessed an increase of 11 per cent to INR 10,030 crore in 2017-18, according to nseinfobase.com. According to Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group which has developed and powers nseinfobase.com, CSR expenditure by companies listed at NSE has grown at a healthy Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 16 per cent over the last 4 years.

The CSR law, which came into force in April 2014, mandates companies, subject to the provisions of the Act, to invest two per cent of their net profit in CSR projects. Companies with net worth of INR 500 crore and above or revenue of INR 1,000 crore and above or net profit of INR 5 crore and above have to spend two per cent of average net profits of last three years.

According to nseinfobase.com, of the 1,794 companies presently listed on the NSE, 1,708 companies were listed as on March 31, 2018, excluding companies which have been suspended or delisted subsequently (balance 86 have got listed subsequent to April 2018). Of these 1,708 companies, annual reports for 2017-18 have been released by 1,627 companies. Of these 1,627 companies, 1,550 had details relating to CSR given in the annual reports, while no such details were available for the balance 77. Finally, of the 1,550 companies, 1,080 were obligated to spend on CSR, up from 1,009 companies in 2016-17. This analysis is based on these 1,080 companies.

According to nseinfobase.com, the average net profit of these 1,080 companies over last three years was INR 5.35 lakh crore (2016-17: INR 4.80 lakh crore). As per CSR requirements, the amount required to be spent by them was INR 10,686 crore (2016-17: INR 9,688 crore). These companies, however, decided to spend a bit more at INR 10,886 crore (2016-17: INR 9,954 crore), INR 200 crore more than the requirement. However, INR 1,717 crore eventually remained unspent (2016-17: INR 1,574 crore). The **final actual CSR expenditure by these companies, though, was INR 10,030 crore** (2016-17: INR 9,060 crore), primarily because some companies spent more than what was mandated or decided earlier by them, representing an increase of nearly 11 per cent.

CSR Spends by companies listed on NSE over last 4 years

	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Average Net Profit of last 3 years (INR crore)	5,35,353	4,80,069	4,51,744	4,09,714
Amount Required to be spent (INR crore)	10,686	9,688	9,103	8,214
Amount Decided to be spent (INR crore)	10,886	9,954	9,280	8,388
Amount Unspent (INR crore)	1,717	1,574	1,891	2,455
Final Actual Amount spent (INR crore)	10,030	9,060	8,418	6,461
CSR spend as a % of Net Profit	1.87	1.89	1.86	1.58



Schedule-wise Spends

The spends as per the 11 prescribed schedules are given below. Apart from this, few companies also made spends towards community development/ infrastructure/ social welfare/ child welfare and towards other activities. Details of such spends have been given at the bottom of the table.

Schedule VII	No. of Companies	Amount Spent (INR crore)	%age of Total
i - Hunger, poverty and healthcare	771	2508.61	25
ii - Education and vocation skills	875	3816.89	38
iii - Reducing Inequalities	316	224.62	2
iv - Environmental Sustainability	451	1181.94	12
v - National Heritage	212	392.60	4
vi - Armed Force Veterans	88	52.99	1
vii - Sports	227	225.55	2
viii - PM's Relief Fund	120	171.68	2
ix - Technology Incubators	51	37.51	0
x - Rural Development	303	1068.19	11
xi - Slum Development	50	37.87	0
Total		9718.44	97
Community development/ infrastructure/ social welfare/ child welfare	106	102.44	1
Others	21	52.75	1
Administrative Expenses	193	156.72	2

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According to Haldea, in line with the previous year, **Education received the maximum spend (INR 3,817 crore) followed by Healthcare (INR 2,509 crore).** Areas such as reducing inequalities, national heritage, armed forces, sports, technology incubators and slum development saw negligible spends. In comparison to previous year though, these areas did see the highest percentage increase in spends as shown in table below. According to Haldea, allocation to different schedules, though, remained fairly constant over previous year.

Schedule VII	No.of	Total	% of	No.of	Total	% of	Increase	Incre
	Companies	Spends 2016-17	Total	Companies	Spends 2017-18	Total	(INR crore)	ase %
		(INR crore)			(INR crore)			70
viii - PM's Relief Fund		71.92	1%			2%	99.77	138.7
	114			120	171.68			2
v- National Heritage	181	245.24	3%	212	392.60	4%	147.36	60.09
iv - Environmental		950.94	10%			12%	231.01	24.29
Sustainability	404			451	1181.94			
ii - Education and		3399.19	38%			38%	417.70	12.29
vocation skills	804			875	3816.89			
vii - Sports	191	201.90	2%	227	225.55	2%	23.65	11.71
i - Hunger, poverty and		2404.73	27%			25%	103.88	4.32
healthcare	730			771	2508.61			
x - Rural Development	295	1085.00	12%	303	1068.19	11%	-16.82	-1.55
iii - Reducing		248.00	3%			2%	-23.38	-9.43
Inequalities	300			316	224.62			
ix - Technology		43.54	0%			0%	-6.03	-
Incubators	52			51	37.51			13.86
xi - Slum Development		44.50	0%			0%	-6.63	-
	47			50	37.87			14.89



vi - Armed Force		73.13	1%			1%	-20.14	-
Veterans	65			88	52.99			27.54
Community		90.74	1%			1%	11.70	12.89
development/								
infrastructure/ social								
welfare/ child welfare	63			106	102.44			
Others		59.77	1%			1%	-7.03	-
	27			22	52.75			11.76
Admin expenses	450	141.51	2%	400	450.70	2%	15.22	10.75
	159			193	156.72			



Company-wise Spends

The number of companies which spent on CSR went up to 1,016 (94 per cent of the 1080 companies) in 2017-18 from 931 (92 per cent) in 2016-17. The balance 64 companies, despite being mandated, did not spend anything.

The top 10 companies in terms of CSR spends in FY 2017-18 were as follows:

Rank	Company	CSR expenditure (INR crore)
1	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.	745.04
2	OIL & NATURAL GAS CORP.LTD.	503.44
3	TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.	400.00
4	HDFC BANK LTD.	374.54
5	INDIAN OIL CORP.LTD.	331.04
6	INFOSYS LTD.	312.60
7	ITC LTD.	290.98
8	NTPC LTD.	241.54
9	TATA STEEL LTD.	231.62
10	WIPRO LTD.	186.60

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The top 10 companies together spent 36.06 per cent of the total spend on CSR.

The top 10 companies in terms of per cent of profit spent towards CSR were as follows:

Company	Average Net Profit of last 3 FY (INR crore)	CSR expenditure (INR crore)	% of net profit spent on CSR
JAMMU & KASHMIR BANK LTD.,THE	2.00	31.71	1585.52
THANGAMAYIL JEWELLERY LTD.	0.17	0.52	300.41
MANGALORE CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS LTD.	0.11	0.22	199.18
INTELLECT DESIGN ARENA LTD.	1.01	2.00	198.59
IDFC LTD.	13.57	22.74	167.58
EMAMI INFRASTRUCTURE LTD.	3.53	2.95	83.48
KIOCL LTD.	0.36	0.16	44.22
VIPUL LTD.	0.35	0.15	43.81
HUBTOWN LTD.	17.00	3.85	22.66
E.I.DPARRY (INDIA) LTD.	6.60	1.23	18.70

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According to Haldea, the top 10 companies which saw maximum increase in CSR spends in absolute terms from last year were as follows:

Company	CSR expenditure 2016-17 (INR crore)	CSR expenditure 2017-18 (INR crore)	Increase (INR crore)
INDIAN OIL CORP.LTD.	213.99	331.04	117.05
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.	659.20	745.04	85.84
BHARAT PETROLEUM CORP.LTD.	91.80	166.02	74.21
HDFC BANK LTD.	305.42	374.54	69.12
HCL TECHNOLOGIES LTD.	40.96	91.37	50.41
HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORP.LTD.	108.11	156.87	48.76



HINDUSTAN ZINC LTD.	49.40	92.18	42.78
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.	5.87	47.68	41.81
TATA STEEL LTD.	193.61	231.62	38.01
MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA LTD.	89.45	125.08	35.63

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On an overall basis, 560 companies or 59 per cent increased their spending from the previous year.

There were 440 companies (41 per cent) which exceeded their prescribed spending. The top 10 were as follows:

Company	Prescribed CSR expenditure (INR crore)	Actual CSR expenditure (INR crore)	Excess spend (INR crore)
TATA STEEL LTD.	85.62	231.62	146.00
NMDC LTD.	121.02	169.37	48.35
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.	703.08	745.04	41.96
OIL INDIA LTD.	61.76	100.57	38.81
VEDANTA LTD.	9.42	45.03	35.61
JAMMU & KASHMIR BANK LTD.,THE	0.40	31.71	31.31
HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORP.LTD.	126.38	156.87	30.49
AMBUJA CEMENTS LTD.	20.81	44.09	23.29
IDFC LTD.	0.27	22.74	22.47
GAIL (INDIA) LTD.	69.67	91.65	21.98

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There were also 36 companies, which despite reporting a loss, spent on CSR.

On the other hand, there were 345 companies which missed the mandatory spending of two per cent of net profit (361 in 2016-17). The top 10 companies in terms of highest unspent amount in 2017-18 were:

Company	Prescribed CSR expenditure (INR crore)	Actual CSR expenditure (INR crore)	Unspent Amount (INR crore)
BHARTI AIRTEL LTD.	214.63	27.80	186.83
REC LTD.	161.95	49.46	112.49
HINDUSTAN ZINC LTD.	189.64	92.18	97.46
TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD.	497.00	400.00	97.00
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.	73.97	16.17	57.80
LUPIN LTD.	75.05	21.68	53.37
GENERAL INSURANCE CORP.OF INDIA	71.09	17.91	53.18
AXIS BANK LTD.	186.82	133.75	53.07
INDUSIND BANK LTD.	70.17	20.47	49.70
LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.	50.79	6.70	44.09

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According to Haldea, PSU spending saw an increase of 4 per cent from previous year. 55 PSUs spent INR 2,727 crore in 2017-18, up from INR 2,627 crore spent by 49 PSUs in 2016-17.

The CSR Act also mandates companies to appoint a CSR committee comprising at least three members of the board of which at least one should be independent. 855 out of 1,708



companies had such a CSR committee in place. Several companies though went beyond the requirement. According to Haldea, as many as 427 companies had appointed more than 3 members.



State-wise Spends

The top 10 states which received maximum CSR spends were as follows:

State	No.of Companies	Amount Received (INR crore)	%age of Total
MAHARASHTRA	586	817.30	8.15
GUJARAT	466	610.85	6.09
RAJASTHAN	414	486.70	4.85
KARNATAKA	404	476.79	4.75
TAMIL NADU	442	451.46	4.50
DELHI	417	408.54	4.07
ODISHA	325	391.05	3.90
MADHYA PRADESH	357	386.86	3.86
WEST BENGAL	377	383.21	3.82
ANDHRA PRADESH	354	380.37	3.79

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The top 10 states accounted for 48 per cent of the total CSR spend.

The top 10 states in terms of increase in amounts received from last year were as follows:

State	No.of Companies	Amount Received 2016-17 (INR crore)	No.of Companies	Amount Received 2017-18 (INR crore)	Increase (INR crore)
MAHARASHTRA	537	685.03	586	817.30	132.27
GUJARAT	431	502.13	466	610.85	108.71
DELHI	396	310.07	417	408.54	98.47
WEST BENGAL	368	298.42	377	383.21	84.79
RAJASTHAN	393	410.54	414	486.70	76.16
ANDHRA PRADESH	344	330.39	354	380.37	49.99
MADHYA PRADESH	351	338.72	357	386.86	48.14
UTTAR PRADESH	386	335.96	401	380.37	44.41
JAMMU & KASHMIR	294	179.79	289	220.35	40.56
UTTARAKHAND	336	251.85	337	291.05	39.20

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Eight states saw a decrease in amounts received in comparison to previous year, as follows:

State	No.of Companies	Amount Received 2016-17 (INR crore)	No.of Companies	Amount Received 2017-18 (INR crore)	Decrease (INR crore)
KERALA	310	257.50	302	223.81	-33.69
GOA	298	173.36	287	160.07	-13.29
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	291	144.59	283	133.50	-11.08
PONDICHERRY	285	138.98	274	130.11	-8.87
DIU	276	131.53	266	126.47	-5.06
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	277	155.85	271	150.87	-4.99
DAMAN	279	132.47	271	128.24	-4.24
HARYANA	364	244.66	365	243.27	-1.39



Direct Spends vs using Implementing Agencies

27 per cent of the companies spent only directly on CSR-related activities, 25 per cent only used an external Implementing Agency while 38 per cent used a combination of the two. The balance 10 per cent did not specify the route chosen by them.

However, in terms of amount spent, the maximum amount was spent through the direct route (INR 4,272 crore or 43 per cent of the total).

	No.of Companies	%age of Companies	Amount Spent (INR crore)	%age of Amount Spent
Implementing Agency	274	25.37	3,713.87	37.02
Direct	292	27.04	4,272.44	42.59
Both	410	37.96	1,633.68	16.28
Not Specified	104	9.63	410.04	4.08
Total	1080	100.00	10,030.02	100.00



Notes:

- 1. Total amount to be spent as decided by the company on an overall basis may be different from the Schedule-wise amount to be spent as decided by the company. The data is captured as provided in the Annual Report.
- 2. For the same activity, there could be an overlap between the different schedules. For e.g., skill development for women can be classified under employment enhancing vocational skills (Schedule VII (ii)) as well as under promoting gender equality (Schedule VII (iii)).
- 3. Amount spent in multiple states has been equally divided between the states given. If a state/location has not been provided in the disclosure, then the amount has been equally divided amongst all states in India.
- 4. For standardizing the data across different financial years/accounting periods of companies, figures for years other than an 'April-March' Financial Year have been adjusted on a pro-rata basis. For e.g. data for calendar year 2018 (viz. January-December 2018) has been taken 3 months into 2017-18 and 9 months into 2018-19.
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