



Policy Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal against Sexual Harassment of Women Employees of HEG LIMITED

The protection against sexual harassment and right to work with dignity are universally recognized human rights, and HEG strongly believes in and is committed to providing equal opportunity to women in the employment, safe working environment, due respect and dignity during their association with any of its divisions. Therefore, everyone in the HEG is expected to accord due respect and dignity to the women through their acts, conduct and behavior.

The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, have come into force, w.e.f. 9th Dec2013 and Rules made there under have also been notified from the same date.

Therefore, keeping the above in view, HEG has finalized its formal policy for implementation on Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal against Sexual Harassment of Employees as under:

1. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this policy is to provide protection against sexual harassment and mechanism for prevention and redressal of complaints of sexual harassment and for matters connected or incidental thereto of women employees of HEG at work place.

2. PURPOSE:

2.1. The purpose of this policy is to communicate that HEG has a "zero tolerance" approach towards sexual harassment to women at workplace.

2.2.. The policy actively advocates the right of every HEG Women employee to work in an environment free of all forms of sexual harassment – verbal, written, physical, visual or otherwise.

3. SCOPE:

3.1. The policy covers all Women employees of HEG as specified in Clause 4.1

3.2. For those employees of HEG work with, its agents, trade partners, vendors, consultancies and any other firm that are associated with or forms a part of the HEG, Guidelines are as per Appendix I.



4. DEFINITIONS:

4.1. "HEG LIMITED" shall mean and include all Divisions, operating locations and offices /branches.

4.2. "Employee" means a person employed at a work place of HEG for any work on regular, temporary, adhoc or daily wages basis either directly or through an agent, including a contractor, with or without the knowledge of principal employer (HEG), whether the terms of employment are express or implied and includes a co worker, a contract worker, probationer, trainee, apprentice or called by any other such name.

4.3. "Sexual harassment" includes any one or more of the following unwelcome acts or behavior (whether directly or by implication) namely:-

- (i) Physical contact and advances; or
- (ii) A demand or request for sexual favours;or
- (iii) Making sexually coloured remarks; or
- (iv) Showing pornography; or
- (v) Any other unwelcome physical, verbal conduct of sexual nature:
- (vi) Further, The following circumstances, among other circumstances, if it occurs or is present in relation to or connected with any act or behavior of sexual harassment may amount to sexual harassment:
 - (a) Implied or explicit promise of preferential treatment in employment; or
 - (b) Implied or explicit threat of detrimental treatment in employment; or
 - (c) Implied or explicit threat about present or future employment status or
 - (d) Interference with her work or creating an intimidating or offensive or hostile work environment for her; or
 - (e) Humiliating treatment likely to affect health or safety.



5. INTERNAL COMPLAINT COMMITTEE (Internal Committee - ICC):

Sexual harassment complaints at HEG shall be addressed to and investigated by the members of the "Internal Complaints Committee" (Internal Committee / ICC).

The Constitution, tenure of ICC is as per **Appendix II**.

The Draft Office Order Constituting ICC is as per **Appendix II-A** .

6. COMPLAINT

6.1. Any aggrieved women may make, in writing, a complaint of sexual harassment, at workplace to the internal Complaints Committee within a period of 3 months from the date of incident and in the case of a series of incidents within 3 months from the date of last incident. But, it is expected that any such matter must be reported as early as possible to the ICC without any delay in the larger interest of justice.

6.2. Provided, the Internal Complaints Committee may for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the time limit not exceeding three months, if it is satisfied that the circumstances were such which prevented the employee from filing a complaint within the said period.

6.3 Where the aggrieved woman is unable to make a complaint on account of her physical incapacity, a complaint may be filed by her Coworker.

6.4. The complainant must ensure that the complaint contains all the material and relevant details concerning the alleged sexual harassment including the names of the contravener (Respondent) in the format provided as per **Appendix III**.

7. CONCILIATION

ICC, before initiating an enquiry, at the request of Aggrieved Woman, may take steps to settle the matter between her and the respondent through Conciliation and send report of the conciliatory settlement to the Unit Head and Plant HR



8 COMPLAINT REDRESSAL PROCEDURES:

8.1 The procedure for enquiry into the complaint will as per **Appendix – IV**

8.2 On a written request, made by the aggrieved women, ICC may recommend for the reasons recorded, the transfer of the aggrieved women or the respondent to other work place or grant leave to the aggrieved women, during the pendency of the enquiry

9. Enquiry Report

ICC shall provide report of its finding to the Unit Head/Business Head/Plant HR within 10 days of completion of the enquiry. The report shall also be forwarded to the concerned parties.

10. Manner of taking action for Sexual Harassment

ICC, based on its findings, can recommend such action as it may consider appropriate and judicious in the circumstances of the matter including a written apology, warning, reprimand or censure, suspension, withholding of promotion, withholding of pay rise or Increments, terminating the respondent from services, or undergoing a counseling session or carrying out Community Service etc. to the Competent Authority. If the Competent Authority is satisfied that the recommendations are based on findings and are judicious, it may accept the recommendations.

11. Punishment for false or malicious complaint.

Where the ICC arrives at a conclusion that the allegation against the respondent is malicious or the aggrieved women or any other person making the complaint has made the complaint knowing it to be false it may recommend to take action against the women for the misconduct as per rules, including termination of service and actions as warranted under the applicable provisions of criminal law.



12. OTHERS

12.1 The Business Heads/Unit Heads will ensure display, on the Notice Board, the Policy/ penal consequences of the Sexual Harassment and the order constituting ICC.

12.2 Unit Heads, through Plant HR, will organize necessary workshops and awareness programmes for sensitizing employees with the issues.

The Manner to organize workshop will be as per **Appendix – V**

12.3 Unit Heads, through Plant HR will provide necessary facilities to ICC for dealing with Complaints and conducting Enquiries.

12.4 Unit Heads, through Plant HR will ensure securing attendance of respondent and witnesses before ICC

13. Miscellaneous

13.1 ICC shall in each calendar year prepare an Annual report and submit the same to Plant HR /District Officer.

The Contents/format for Annual Report will be as per **Appendix – VI**

13.2 ICC will be governed by various provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal Act, 2013 and Rules made there under). If the provisions or any provision of this policy is found to be incomplete, ambiguous, invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, not inclusive and or not in line with The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act and Rules, the same shall not affect the other provisions hereof or the whole of this policy, but such provision shall be deemed to be modified to the extent necessary to render such provision enforceable.

13.3 ICC may recommend appropriate amendments to the policy to Group President HR at HO through Business Heads/Unit Heads for incorporating the same in Policy after thorough consideration.

13.4 The Group President HR at HO will keep the Chairman and the Managing Director fully updated on all such matters on monthly basis.



14. OTHER RELEVANT POINTS

14.1. The contents of the complaint, identity and address, inquiry, and any other information pertaining to the inquiry and conciliation proceedings recommendations and / or the action, if any, taken against the Complainant, Respondent and witnesses shall not be published, communicated or made known to the public, press and media and other employees by the Complainant, Committee, witnesses and other people involved in resolving the matter.

14.2. Every employee of HEG shall be covered under this policy from the date of joining to retirement / termination / resignation including the notice period.

14.3. The management shall provide all necessary assistance for the purpose of effective implementation of the various aspects of this policy, in the best interest of every HEG employee.

14.4. Where sexual harassment occurs as a result of an act or omission by any third party or outsider, the company shall take all steps necessary and reasonable to assist the affected person in terms of support and preventive action.

14.5. In case, ICC finds that the degree of offence needs to be covered under the Indian Penal Code, then this fact shall be mentioned in its report and appropriate action shall be facilitated by the Management, through the due Process of Law.

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APPENDIX I

Guidelines For Sexual Harassment By People Outside, The Rolls Of HEG.

For those HEG employees that report sexual harassment by people outside of the rolls of HEG, but serve as vendors, partners, agencies, consultancies or any other entity, these guidelines shall be followed.

1. The definition of sexual harassment as outlined in the main Policy draft in Clause 4.3 stands.

2. The HEG employee complaining of sexual harassment shall complain to ICC as outlined in Clause 6.1.

3. ICC shall thereafter constitute a two-member sub group comprising the following to probe the complaint in detail:

a. The Business / Unit Head who manages the third party / vendor / consultancy / agency.

b. The Plant HR of the Function that manages the third party / vendor / consultancy / agency.

4. The Redressal/Enquiry Process shall be as detailed in Clause 8, but ICC would be considered enlarged with the addition of sub-group members.

Based on the findings of enlarged ICC, the Management of HEG would take up the matter with the Management of its vendors, partners, agencies, consultancies or any other entity for necessary action.

5. All the engagements with Vendors, Partners, Agencies, Consultancies or any other such Entity would have a clause to comply with the Policy of HEG on Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal against sexual harassment of employees

6. All clauses in the policy document shall be valid in the investigation of the third party / agency / consultancy / partner, as the HEG employee continues to be protected by the policy at all times. Communication of this policy, with



all its appendices is compulsory to all third parties, consultancies / agencies and partners of HEG.

APPENDIX II

Constitution Of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)

ICC shall consist of following minimum members.

- (a) **The Presiding Officer** - A woman employee at a senior level (If not available, can be nominated from other offices/units).
- (b) **Members** (minimum two) - Employees committed to the cause of women or have experience in social work or have Legal Knowledge
- (c) **Member** (one) - Who is familiar with Labour, Service, Civil or Criminal Law.

*One half of the total members so nominated shall be women.
ICC members to hold office for not more than three years.*

To begin with, the ICC constituted at HO can be adopted by the Operating Units by nominating two members from their Unit; one can be from HR.



APPENDIX II-A

In Compliance of relevant provisions of various provisions of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal Act, 2013 and Rules made there under) and HEG Policy, it has been decided to formulate an “ Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)” consisting of following persons at **HEG Ltd**:

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| 1. Mrs Neha Bansal, Associate Principle Engineer | Member & Chairperson |
| 2. Mrs Lata Rani, Chartered Company Secretary | Member |
| 3. Mrs Padma Latha, Service Coordinator | Member |
| 4. Mr Pankaj Kumar Sinha - Head - Legal | Member Secretary |
| 5. Mrs Divya Roy, Advocate on Recort, Supreme Court | Member |
| 6. Mr. Sanjay Singh, General Manager – HR | Member |
| 7. Mr. Rajendra Trisal, VP – Manufacturing | Member |

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APPENDIX III

Confidential

Format For Complaint

Name of Complainant:

Employee Id:

Department:

Business Unit:

Date of Complaint:

Name of Respondent:

Department (if applicable):

Business Unit (if applicable)::

Description of Complaint:

Any evidence/ material provided at the time of complaint:



Signature/ email id of Complainant:

APPENDIX IV

The Procedure for enquiry into the complaint

1. The Complainant shall submit to ICC, Complaint along with supporting documents and details of witnesses.
2. The complaint committee within 7 days of receipt of Complaint forward the copy of the complaint to the respondent to submit reply.
3. The respondent shall within 10 days file a reply along with supporting documents and details of witnesses.
4. Thereafter, the complaints Committee shall make enquiry into the Complaint in accordance with the Principles of Natural Justice.
5. The parties shall not be allowed to bring any outsider, any Legal Practitioner to represent them at any stage of proceedings before the complaints Committee or at the workplace.
6. The Committee shall have a right to proceed with the Enquiry Ex-parte if the parties / witnesses remain absent.
7. The Enquiry will be completed within a period of 90 days.
8. The Quorum of ICC for Conducting Enquiry Proceedings will be three members including presiding Officer or the Chair Person.



APPENDIX V

Manner to organize workshops

The HR shall formulate and widely disseminate this Internal Policy for prohibition, prevention and redressal of sexual harassment at the workplace intended to promote gender sensitive safe spaces and remove underlying factors that contribute towards a hostile work environment against women.

Carry Out orientation programmes and seminars for the Members of ICC.

Carry out employee's awareness programmes and create forum for dialogues which may involve, women's groups, mothers committee, adolescent groups and any other body as may be considered necessary.

Conduct capacity building and skill building programmes for the Members of ICC;

Declare the names and contact details of all the members of ICC.

Use modules developed by the State Governments, if any, to conduct workshops and awareness programmes for sensitizing the employees with the provisions of the Act.

APPENDIX VI

Preparation of Annual Report

The annual report which the Complaints Committee shall prepare under Section 21, shall have the following details:-

- a. Number of complaints of Sexual harassment received in the year;
- b. Number of complaints disposed off during the year;
- c. Number of cases pending for more than ninety days;
- d. Number of workshops or awareness programme against sexual harassment carried out;
- e. Nature of action taken by the LNJB Group.