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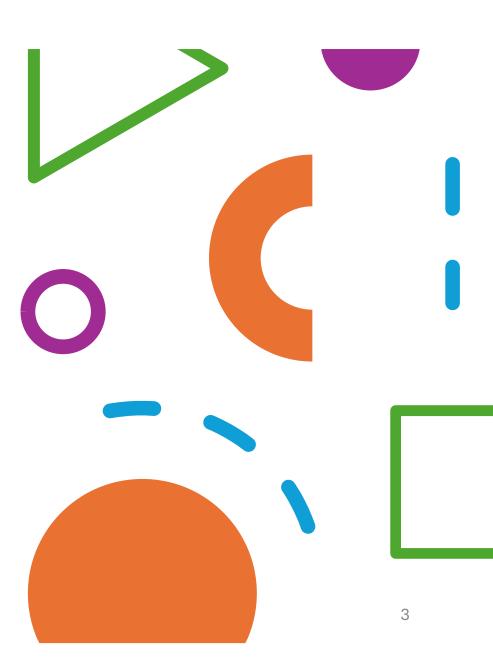
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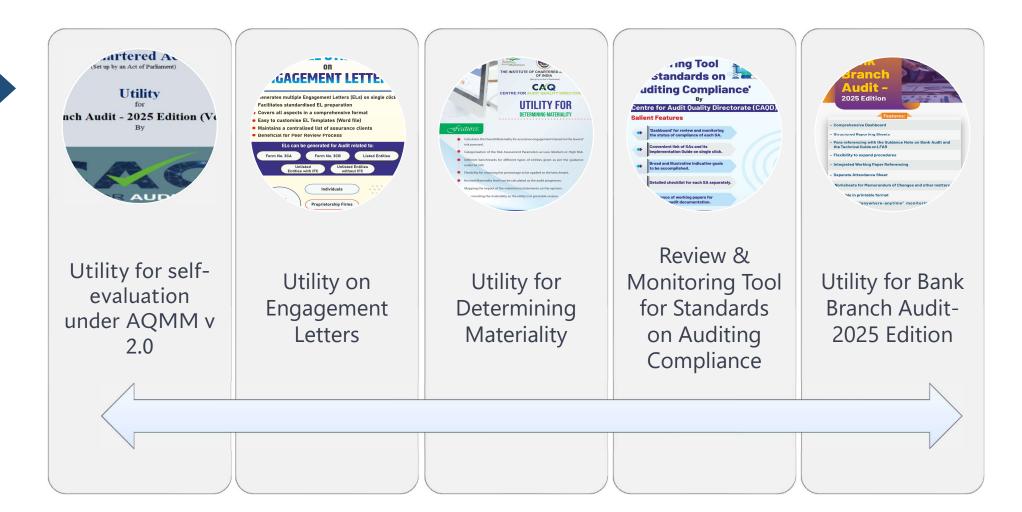
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## Tools by CAQ

- Review and Monitoring Tool on Standards on Auditing Compliance (Version 2.0)
- Utility for Determining Materiality (Version 2.0)
- Utility for Bank Branch Audit 2025 Edition (Version 2.0)
- Presentation on AQMM v 2.0
- Utility for self-evaluation under AQMM v 2.0
- Analysis of Modified Opinions
- Firm Manual Model Referencer (PDF, Word)
- Compilation of Significant Audit Matters
- Utility on Engagement Letters







- Facilitates standardised EL preparation
- Covers all aspects in a comprehensive format
- Easy to customise EL Templates (Word file)
- Maintains a centralised list of assurance clients
- Beneficial for Peer Review Process



# UTILITY ON ENGAGEMENT LETTERS

**Tools and Utilities** 

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#### **Cover Sheet**

•A Disclaimer stating that ICAI is not in any way responsible for the result of any action taken on the basis of usage of this utility.

#### **Instructions Sheet**

- Provides basic instruction for using the utility.
- Explain the various steps to enable Macros and troubleshooting.

#### **Main Sheet**

•A master data for ELs, user may select financial year from drop down, type the name of the firm/individual/ proprietor and enter the FRN/MRN.

ELs for Tax Audit Form 3CA /3CB/ Individual/Listed Company without IFC/Listed Company with IFC

•Provides functionality to enter details of clients based on which Engagement Letters for all such clients shall be generated.

#### **SHEETS OF UTILITY**

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#### Utility

**Engagement Letters: Individual** 

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#### Disclaimer

This "Utility on Engagement Letters: Individual" will assist auditors in the process of generating Engagement Letters to clients and facilitate audit firms to effortlessly create multiple engagement letters. This Utility will help in maintaining a master list of assurance clients which can help in Peer Review, ensuring that ELs have been issued for all clients, tabulating fees for all assurance clients, etc. EL templates are combination of technical material of AASB of the ICAI, diverse firm experiences, experts' insights and best practices. The Utility will require changes to certain settings in MS Excel. Please ensure that you read and follow the steps mentioned in the "Instructions" tab. The ICAI is not in any way responsible for the result of any action taken on the basis of usage of this utility.

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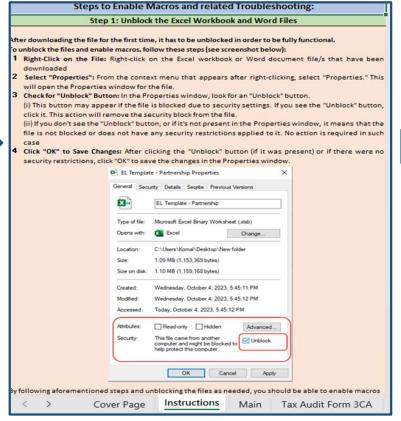
#### **ENABLING MACROS: STEP 1 & STEP 2**

The Utility is macro-enabled, it is essential to carefully follow the steps mentioned under the Instruction sheet of the

STEP 2

**Utility:** 

STEP 1



Step 2: Enabling Editing in Excel 1 Open the relevant Excel file 2 When you open the file, you might see a message at the top of the Excel window that says "Enable Editing" (see screenshot below). This message typically appears when the Excel file you are trying to open contains content such as macros, active content, or external data sources. To enable editing, simply click on the "Enable Editing" message. This action grants you permission to make changes to the file's content and functionality (see screenshot below). PROTECTED WEW Be careful—files from the Internet can contain viruses. Unless you need to edit, it's safer to stay in Protected View. Enable Editing EL Specific details - Partnership Firm / LLP GENERATE EL Date of Signing Addressed To: [The of Engagement Board of Directors/Other Deselect All Authorised Person] Note: If, after clicking "Enable Editing," you encounter a message stating "Microsoft has blocked macros from running because the source file is untrusted" (see screenshot below) it indicates that Step 1 may not have been followed correctly. In such cases, please close the file, return to Step 1, and ensure that the file is unblocked before proceeding **EL Specific details - Pa** GENERATE EL Client Name Address Line 1

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#### **ENABLING MACROS: STEP 3 TO 5**

**STEP 4 & 5** 

Step 3: Enable Content After opening the Excel file and clicking on "enable editing" if you see the message "Enable Content" (see screenshot below) click on it. SECURITY WARNING Macros have been disabled. Enable Content **Board of Directors EL Specific details GENERATE EL** Addressed To: [The Date of Signing Select All Board of Appointment of Engagement Client Name Letter Date Directors/Other Authorised Person)

Step 4: Adjusting Macro Trust Center Settings in Excel

If you encounter an error related to running macros, such as "The macro may not be available in this workbook or all macros may be disabled," follow these steps to resolve the issue by adjusting the Excel settings:

- i Go To File: Open the Excel workbook and click on the "File" tab, which is typically located at the top-left corner of the Excel window.
- ii Options: In the File menu, click on "Options" at the bottom of the left sidebar. This action will open the Options window in Excel.
- iii Trust Center: Within the Options window in Excel, select "Trust Center" from the options on the left sidebar.
- iv Trust Center Settings: Click on the "Trust Center Settings" button on the right side of the Trust Center section.
- Macro Settings: In the Trust Center window, select "Macro Settings" from the options on the left sidebar.
- vi Enable All Macros: In the Macro Settings section, make sure that the option "Enable macros in this workbook" is selected. This allows macros to run in the current workbook.
- vii Click OK: After enabling macros, click the "OK" button to save your Trust Center settings.
- Restart Excel: Close all open Excel files and exit Microsoft Excel completely. Reopen the Excel file again.
- ix Security Warning Bar Enable Content: When you reopen your Excel workbook, if you see a security warning bar at the top of the workbook, click on "Enable Content" to enable macros for that specific workbook. This step ensures that macros within the workbook are allowed to run.

By following the aforementioned steps, you should be able to resolve issues related to running macros in Excel and enable macros for the specific workbook, allowing them to function as intended.

#### Step 5: Macro Security settings

If you still encounter issues with running macros in Excel after following the previous steps, you can further troubleshoot by checking and adjusting the Macro Security Level in the Trust Center Settings [See points (v) and (vi) above]. Ensure it is not set to "Disable all macros without notification."

If it is set to "Disable all macros without notification", change it to "Enable all macros," save the settings, and restart Excel. Additionally, when opening a specific workbook, click "Enable Content" (as explained in <a href="Step 3">Step 3</a>) if prompted to allow macros to run.

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STEP 3

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#### **GENERATION OF ENGAGEMENTS LETTERS**

- 1. The Utility provides functionality to enter details of multiple clients in the Excel worksheet based on which Engagement Letters for all such clients shall be generated.
- 2. Any new entry should be done in a new line item.
- 3. Ensure that any of the Word files are not open while generating Engagement Letters from Excel.
- 4. To make changes in the fields of the Engagement Letters that are generated through the Excel Utility, users can edit the relevant fields in the Excel Utility and regenerate the Engagement Letter.

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Y	2	26/04/2025	20/04/2025	Other Authorised person	Extracare Manufacturing Pvty. Ltd.	Street No 2054	Pali Hill	Nagpur, Maharashtra	Mr.	1,00,000	Kirti Joshi
Y	1	19/04/2025	01/04/2025	Board of Directors	Opportunity Business	Shop No 5896	Hrappa Complex	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Madam	25,00,000	Ankur Chatterji

#### **SAVING AND CUSTOMISATION**

The Utility will create Engagement Letters in the same folder where the Excel and Word files are saved.

Separate folders for each Financial Year selected will be generated.

In the respective Financial Year's folder, separate folders for each type of Engagement Letter template shall be created and all the Engagement Letters will be saved in such folders.

The Engagement Letter Template (Word file) may be customized to meet the user's specific requirement.

However, it should be ensured that the highlighted fields are NOT to be EDITED, as this will make the Utility inoperative.

## UTILITY FOR DETERMINING MATERAILITY

#### **Cover Sheet**

- Provides Basic instructions for using the utility.
- •A Disclaimer stating that ICAI is not in any way responsible for the result of any action taken on the basis of usage of this utility.

#### **Guidance**

- •Serves as a guiding document to elucidate the purpose of the utility for determining materiality.
- •It provides conceptual clarity on the objective, need, and approach for determining materiality in a statutory audit.

#### Steps

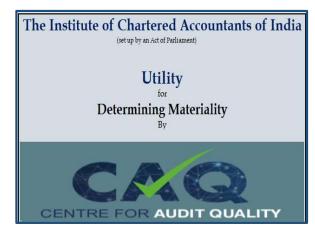
• Explains the various steps involved in determining Materiality.

#### **Calculating Materiality**

• Outlines a step-by-step process for determining audit materiality. It help auditor to assess the risk of material misstatement, select the appropriate benchmark, applying the appropriate percentage to the selected benchmark and involves proper.

#### **Calculate Material Misstatement- 450 Evaluation**

• To document and evaluate the impact of known and likely misstatements identified during the course of the audit as required by SA 450 – Evaluation of Misstatements Identified during the Audit..



#### Disclaimer

The utility on Materiality has been prepared for assisting the members for determining and documenting overall materiality including performance materiality. The benchmarks and the %age range to be applied are purely suggestive and the member is required to apply his PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT for assessing the Risk of Material Misstatement at the engagement level and corresponding % age of the benchmarks. The ICAI is not in any way responsible for the result of any action taken on the basis of usage of this utility.

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#### **CALCULATING MATERIALITY- STEPS FOR DETERMINING MATERIALITY**

This sheet outlines a step-by-step process for determining audit materiality. It helps the auditor in selecting relevant benchmarks **and applying professional judgement** to set and document appropriate thresholds.

## **Fill Basic Documentation Details** Begin by entering the following information in the designated fields:

- · Name of the entity
- · Financial year under audit
- Materiality stage (*Planning* or *Revised*) choose from dropdown
- Type of engagement select from Statutory Audit, Limited Review, or Special Purpose (from dropdown)
- Name of the preparer, reviewer, and the date of preparation

DETERMINING MATERIALITY									
Name of Entity Financial Year Materiality Stage Type of Engagement Prepared By Reviewed By Date	Planning								

#### **CALCULATING MATERIALITY- STEPS 2, 3 & 4**

**The second step** is to select an appropriate benchmark based on the nature of the entity.

**Step 2: Determine the Benchmark and Calculate Materiality**Proceed to the Materiality Calculation Table:

- **Select the type of entity** from the dropdown (e.g., *Profit-Oriented, Not-for-Profit, Debt-Financed*, etc.)
- If applicable (especially for *Not-for-Profit entities* or *Entities executing Public Utility Project Program*), further specify the entity subtype.
- Based on the type of entity, a suitable **benchmark** (e.g., revenue, profit, assets) will be auto populated

**Step 3:** An appropriate percentage to the selected benchmark has to be applied.

S. No.	Type of Entity (Select from Drop Down)	Select Entity (Select from Drop Down)	Benchmark	Amount (Refer Note 2)	Suggested Materiality Range	Percentage determined	Document Rat Selecting Perc
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7	Startup_Newly_Established		i i		Low RollM >8% <=10%		
8	Profit_Oriented				1000 at 100 at	777747	8
9	Not_for_Profit		Performance Materiality		50% to 90%	78.0016	
0	Debt_Financed						
l	Liquidity		Clearly Trivial Threshold		0% to 5%	0.5016	
2	Entities_Executing_Public_U	tility_Project_Program			18.00		
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#### Step 4: The final step involves proper documentation.

- Enter the **benchmark amount**, which may be based on prior year averages or current year figures (excluding non-recurring or exceptional items)
- A suggested materiality range will be shown automatically based on the benchmark
- Use professional judgment to select a **final percentage** within the suggested range
- **Document your rationale** for selecting this percentage
- The sheet will then automatically calculate the **overall materiality** and **performance materiality**. You may also specify **specific materiality** if required

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## CALCULATING MATERIALITY- STEP 1 " ASSESS THE RISK OF MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT"

#### Step 1: Assess the Risk of Material Misstatement (RoMM)-

The user will find a table listing 27 risk factors (with a provision to add any additional factor). For each factor:

- Select the **Risk Level** from the dropdown: *Low, Medium, High,* or *Not Applicable*
- Choose a **Risk Weight** depending on the risk level (NA: 0,Low: 1–3, Medium: 4–7, High: 8–10).
- Once all relevant factors are evaluated and level of risks and weightages are assigned, the Overall Risk Percentage is auto calculated.
- Define the thresholds for Low, Medium, and High RoMM in the risk classification table. Based on these thresholds, the system will automatically assign the overall risk category (Low/Medium/High).

#### Risk Assessment for the Engagement Level of Risk (Select Weightage (Select from S. No. **Particulars** from Drop Down) Drop Down) 1 High\_Risk 10 New Engagement 2 10 Startup Entity High\_Risk 3 Significant concerns identified at client acceptance/continuing. Low\_Risk 4 Doubt on integrity of management Medium Risk 4 24 Previous year's audit report qualified NA 0 25 Changes in accounting policies Low Risk 1 Define Overall RoMM From To (to be filled) Rapid growth or unusual profitability especially compared to that of other 26 3 0% Low\_Risk Low Risk XX companies in the same industry 27 Any other which the auditor may consider significant (Refer Note 1) Low\_Risk 3 Medium Risk XX XXX Overall Risk Assessment Low\_Risk 100% 62% High Risk XXX

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#### **CALCULATE MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT-SA 450 EVALUTION**

The table is divided into two primary categories:

- **1. Known Errors** These are specific errors identified during audit procedures (Para A5 of SA 450).
- **2. Likely Errors** These include errors inferred from audit evidence, such as issues found during the review of old balances or reconciliation mismatches (Para 11 of SA 450).

For each category, the relevant ledger accounts should be listed along with the **amount of error**, **corrections made in books**, and **uncorrected errors**. Totals are then derived for both known and likely errors, followed by a combined figure for **Total Uncorrected Misstatements**.

These misstatements are then compared against the **Materiality** and **Performance Materiality** thresholds already determined during the audit planning phase. This comparison enables the auditor to conclude whether the audit scope remains adequate and whether the uncorrected misstatements, individually or in aggregate, could affect the users' decision-making.

If the cumulative misstatements exceed materiality or performance materiality, the auditor must reassess audit conclusions and may need to **modify the audit opinion** accordingly.

Evaluation of Material Misstatements Identified during t	the Audit (SA	450)	
Particulars	Amount	Errors Correcte	Uncorrected Errors
Known Errors Para A5 of SA 450 (Errors found during the Audit)			
Relevant Ledger Accounts : List to be given			
Total Known Errors			
Likely Errors Para 11 of SA 450 (Eg.: Errors on review of Old Balances/ Reconciliation			
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# REVIEW & MONITORING TOOL FOR STANDARDS ON AUDITING COMPLIANCE



#### **SHEETS OF UTILITY**

#### **Cover Sheet**

- A brief introduction of the Utility.
- A Disclaimer stating that ICAI is not in any way responsible for the result of any action taken on the basis of usage of this utility.

#### Objective

• Serves as a guiding document to elucidate the purpose of the Review and Monitoring Tool. It outlines the primary intent of the tool, clarifying its role and function in the auditing process.

#### Team

#### **Indicative Goals**

• It contains a broad and illustrative indication of the various Audit goals

#### Dashboard

• Monitors progress of work for each Standard on Auditing.

#### **INDICATIVE GOALS**

- This sheet contains a checklist of all Standards on Auditing, to enable the auditors to ensure that their work aligns with SAs and assess effectiveness of their audit procedures to judge how far they are complying with the SA's.
- It contains a broad and illustrative indication of the various Audit goals to be accomplished while performing a particular element of work encompassed within the Checklists on the Standards on Auditing.

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. No.	Indicative Goals	Count	SA 200	SA 210	SA 220	SA 230	SA 240	SA 250	SA 260	SA 265	SA 299	SA 300	SA 315	SA 320	SA 330	SA 402	SA 450	SA 500	SA 501	SA 505	SA 510	SA 520	SA 530	SA 540	SA 550	SA 560
1	Auditor has planned and performed procedures to ensure that presentation of financial statements is in accordance with applicable reporting framework.	12	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Auditor has obtained agreement from Management/TCWG regarding the fulfillment of its responsibility and also reported the same in the Audit Report.	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Auditor has ensured compliance with all relevant ethical requirements.	7	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Auditor has exercised professional skepticism and professional judgement in the conduct of Audit.	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Auditor has obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence for the purpose of the Audit.	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Auditor has implemented quality control procedures at the engagement level that provide the auditor with reasonable assurance that the audit comply with	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Auditor has ensured proper documentation.	35	2	0	2	11	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
8	Auditor has performed relevant audit procedures in accordance with SA.	45	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	4	0	0	4	8	0	0	1	0	1	0
9	Auditor has evaluated audit evidence in the context of fraud risks.	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Auditor has appropriately communicated to the Management and/or TCWG in accordance with the SA.	35	0	0	0	0	3	0	11	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
11	Fraud reporting to Regulatory Authorities has been evaluated and applied correctly by the Auditor.	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Auditor has identified appropriate persons / subgroups in the context of communication to TCWG.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Auditor has been invited to meetings of the Audit Committee regularly.	1	0	0	0	0	0	D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Auditor has established an effective 2-way communication process with TCWG including form, timing and adequacy of such communication.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Auditor has performed relevant procedures at the Preliminary Stage.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0 /	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Auditor as part of overall audit strategy has determined materiality for financial statements as a whole.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Auditor has exercised professional judgement in choosing the benchmark(s) for determination of materiality / performance materiality.	2	0	0	0	0	0	D	0	0	0	0	0	2	О	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Auditor has made changes to the materiality thresholds, as required and relevant based on further information identified in the course of Audit.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	О	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Auditor has obtained an understanding of the nature and significance of the services provided by the service organisation and evaluated the work of service auditor for reporting thereof.	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Auditor has evaluated the effect of uncorrected/identified misstatements on the financial statements.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Auditor has obtained SAAE regarding the existence and condition of inventory by performing relevant procedures.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Review & Monitoring Tool for Standards on Auditing Compliance

#### **DASHBOARD**

- The Dashboard summarizes the progress of activities classified as 'Yet to be started', 'Work in progress', 'Query raised', 'Completed & no adverse comment' and 'Completed but with Adverse comment' which are auto-populated from various successive sheets on checklists of Standards on Auditing.
- It indicates the completion status of work and ensures that all relevant aspects outlined in various standards are duly considered by the Auditors during the execution of their tasks.

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Sheets	Standards on Auditing	Implementation Guide Reference	Total Checks		to be rted	Appli		Proq	rk in ress	Query	Raised	100	leted & Iverse	Comp but	pleted with	Prepared By	Date of Preparati	Reviewed By	Date of Review
<u>SA 200</u>	SA 200. Overall Objectives of the Independent Auditor and the Conduct of an Audit in Accordance with Standards on		32	32	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	G (Dummy Name)	12/02/2023	D (Dummy Name)	12/02/2023
<u>SA 210</u>		Implementation Guide to Standard on Auditing (SA) 210. "Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements"	18	18	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	Û%	0	0%	0	0%				
SA 220	SA 220. Quality Control for an Audit of Financial	Maria Maria	25	25	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%				
<u>SA 230</u>	SA 230. Audit Documentation	Implementation Guide to SA 200. Audit Documentation (Revised 2022 Edition)	11	11	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	Û%	0	0%	0	0%				
<u>SA 240</u>	SA 240. The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of Financial Statements		34	34	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%				

io ha	SA 200 - Overall Objectives of the Independent Auditor and the Conduct of an Audit in Acc ick to Dashboard	ordance with Stan	aaras on Au	iaiting		
Sr. No.	Particulars	Indicative Goals	Para Reference	Work status	Working Paper Ref.	Comments/ Remarks (If any
	a)Has the auditor obtained reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, thereby enabling the auditor to express an opinion on whether the financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with an applicable financial reporting framework and b)to report on the financial statements, and communicate as required by the SAs, in accordance with the auditor's findings. [Mote: In all cases when reasonable assurance cannot be obtained and a qualified opinion in the auditor's report is insufficient in the circumstances for purposes of reporting to the intended users of the financial statements, the SAs require that the auditor disclaim an opinion or withdraw from the engagement, where withdrawal is legally permitted.]	Auditor has ensured that Audit is conducted in compliance with all relevant Standards on Auditing and is aligned to the objectives of the	Para 11, 12	Yet to be started		

### CHECKLIST OF STANDARDS ON AUDITING LINKED TO DASHBOARD

- The detailed Checklists on the Standards on Auditing that can be considered for use in the performance of Audit are given in separate sheets for each Standard on Auditing.
- The progress of activities can be monitored by effectively using the "Work status" drop downs regularly which would be summarised in the Dashboard.





## Bank Branch Audit 2025 Edition



#### Features:

- Comprehensive Dashboard
- Structured Reporting Sheets
- Para referencing with the Guidance Note on Bank Audit and the Technical Guide on LFAR
- Flexibility to expand procedures
- Integrated Working Paper Referencing
- Separate Attendance Sheet
- Worksheets for Memorandum of Changes and other matters
- Available in printable format
- Facilitates "anywhere-anytime" monitoring of audit procedures
- Easy to use and navigate



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## UTILITY FOR BANK BRANCH AUDIT- 2025 EDITION

Tools and Utilities

#### **SHEETS OF UTILITY**

1.	Cover Sheet	A disclaimer that document has been compiled on a best effort basis and user discretion is advised in the use of illustrative checklist in practical situation.
2.	Table of Contents	Provides a hyperlinked index for smooth navigation across the sheets, enhancing user efficiency and accessibility.
3.	Attendance Sheet	Documents the presence of each audit team member during the course of the bank branch audit.
4.	Memorandum of Changes (MOC)	A summary of MoC to be submitted by the auditor to Branch Management.
5.	Other Matters	Lists matters to be reported by Statutory Central Auditors (SCAs) and not by branch auditors.
6.	Communication with TCWG	Significant audit observations discussed with TCWG.

#### **SHEETS OF UTILITY**

7.	Audit Opinion	A guided sheet to determine the correct audit opinion type— Unmodified, Qualified, Adverse, or Disclaimer.
8.	List of Templates	Applicable Annexure/ Certificate/ Template/ Other Portal Output/ CBS report for certification at Branch level
9.	Standards on Auditing (SA) Compliance	Ensures compliance with key documentation and Standards on Auditing.
10.	Audit Dashboard	Enables auditors to get a real-time overview of audit progress across key audit areas
11.	Cash to IFCoFR 27 sheets	Indicating the Key audit areas hyperlinked to Dashboard.

#### **ATTENDANCE SHEET**

- The Attendance Sheet is a vital component of the utility, designed to document the presence of each audit team member during the course of the bank branch audit.
- It is especially helpful for providing the auditee branch with details of audit personnel, their roles, and their duration of presence at the branch.

#### Memorandum of Changes (Summary)

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The following is a summary of Memorandum of Changes submitted by the auditor to the branch management.

			Accounting I	edger Impact	Non-Accoun	nting Impact		
Sr. No.	Account No.	Category	Debit (Rs.)	Credit (Rs.)	Increase	Decrease	Remarks/ References	
1			<b>*</b>					
2		Income			2			
3		Expenditure Assets				8		
4		Liabilities Gross NPAs						
5		Provisions on NPAs  Classification of Advance						
6		Risk Weighted Assets			i e	×.		
7		Security Value Others						
8					*			

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Sr. No.	Name of Team Members	Designation (Select from Drop Down)	From (earliest date)	To (latest date)	No. of days present	01-01-1900	02-01-190
1	A	Proprietor/ Partner	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		
2	В	Proprietor/ Partner	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		
3	C	Qualified Assistant	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		
4	D	Qualified Assistant	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		
5	E	Qualified Assistant	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		
6	F	Semi-Qualified Assistant	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		
7	G	Semi-Qualified Assistant	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		
8	н	Unqualified Assistant	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		
9	ı	Unqualified Assistant	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		
10	J	Unqualified Assistant	00-01-00	00-01-00	0		

#### **MEMORANDUM OF CHANGES (MoC)**

- The MoC sheet captures audit observations which may result in accounting or non-accounting changes.
- Debit/credit impact and adjustments for MoC can be recorded, along with increase/decrease details and remarks.

#### Other Matter dealt by SCAs

#### Go to Dashboard

Sr. No.			Other Matter Para Ref	
	No adjustments/provisions have been made in the accounts of the Branch in respect of matters usually dealt	174V 11111	V/1V	
	with at Central Office, including in respect of:			
1	Bonus, ex-gratia, and other similar expenditure and allowances to branch employees.	NA		
	Terminal permissible benefits to eligible employees on their retirement (including additional retirements	NA		
2	benefits), Gratuity, Pension, liablity for leave encashment benefits and other benefits covered in terms of 'AS			
	15(Revised)-Employee Benefits' issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.			
3	Arrears of salary/wages/allowances, if any, payable to staff	NA		
4	Staff welfare contractual obligations	NA		

- Lists matters to be reported by Statutory Central Auditors (SCAs) and not by branch auditors.
- Includes a predefined checklist with flexibility to add more items as needed.
- Facilitates proper delegation and reporting in line with audit closure guidelines.

## Communication with Those Charged with Governance

#### Go to Dashboard

Sr. No.	Significant Observations	Working Paper Ref.	Date of Communication	Observation Resolved	Emphasis of Matter	Other Matter	Audit Modification
1		1100		Yes	No	Yes	NA
2							
3							

- Captures significant audit observations discussed with branch management or senior officials.
- Ensures all key communications are properly documented and linked to reporting decisions.

#### **AUDIT OPINION**

#### Audit Opinion - Unmodified/Modified

Nature of Matter Giving Rise to the Modification		Auditor's Judgment about the Pervasiveness of the Effect or Possible Effects on the Financial Statements		
Financial statements are materially misstated	Inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence	Material but Not Pervasive	Material and Pervasive	
No	No	No	No	

Audit Opinion:	Unmodified Opinion
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Nature of Matter Giving Rise to the Modification		Auditor's Judgment about the Pervasiveness of the Effects or Possible Effects on the Financial Statements		
Financial statements are materially misstated	Inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence	Material but Not Pervasive	Material and Pervasive	
Yes	No	Yes	No	

Audit Opinion:	Qualified Opinion
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- A guided sheet to determine the correct audit opinion type—Unmodified, Qualified, Adverse, or Disclaimer.
- Users respond to structured questions via dropdowns (Yes/No), which lead to the appropriate opinion.
- Definitions of key terms like "pervasive" and "misstatement" are embedded for clarity.

#### Audit Opinion - Unmodified/Modified

Nature of Matter Giving	Rise to the Modification	Auditor's Judgment about the Pervasiveness of the Effects or Possible Effects on the Financial Statements		
Financial statements are materially misstated	Inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence	Material but Not Pervasive	Material and Pervasive	
Yes	No	No	Yes	

Audit Opinion:	Adverse Opinion

#### Audit Opinion - Unmodified/Modified

Nature of Matter Giving Rise to the Modification		Auditor's Judgment about the Pervasiveness of the Effector Possible Effects on the Financial Statements		
Financial statements are materially misstated	Inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence	Material but Not Pervasive	Material and Pervasive	
No	Yes	No	Yes	

Audit Opinion:	Disclaimer of Opinion
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#### **LIST OF TEMPLATES**

- Provides an indicative list of templates and certificates to be obtained or issued during the audit.
- Though not exhaustive, it helps auditors maintain control over documentation and statutory submissions.

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1		Audit Acceptance Letter	M	
2		Engagement Letter		
3		Letter of communication with previous auditor		
4		Representation Letter		
		Leon Alban	4	
	SA	Name of Standards on Auditing	Compliance	Comments/ Remarks (If any)

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nboard	Applicable Annexure/ Certificate/ Template/ Other	r Portal Outpu	nt/ CBS report for certification – Branch level
Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance	Comments/ Remarks (If any)
1	Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2025.	* **	
2	Profit & Loss Booklet for the Full Year ended March 31, 2025.		
3	Performance Wise Summary of Advances as of March 31, 2025.		
4	Sector Wise Summary of Advances as of March 31, 2025.		
5	Segment Wise Summary of Advances as of March 31, 2025.		
6	Statement of Claims against the Bank, not acknowledged as Debt (As on March 31, 2025).		
7	Certificate on observance of Guidelines on Prudential Norms regarding Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning (On Auditor's Letter Head).		
	Certificate that the Offices have given effect to the Memorandum of	f	

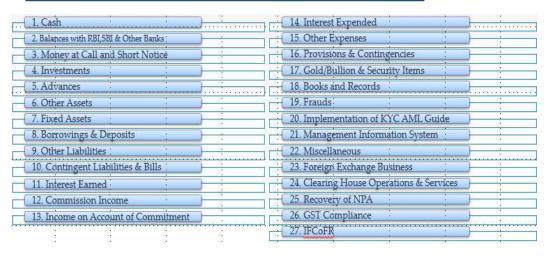
#### STANDARDS ON AUDITING (SA) COMPLIANCE

- Ensures compliance with key documentation and standards under the SA framework.
- A valuable control tool from both peer review and audit quality perspectives.

#### **AUDIT DASHBOARD**

- The Dashboard enables auditors to get a realtime overview of audit progress across key audit areas.
- It helps audit managers identify pending work, reallocate tasks, or ensure timely completion of audit objectives making this one of the most powerful tools in the utility.

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Name of Firm	Name of Bank			Name of Branch			Zone/ Circle Code		Branch Code		Financial Year		Whether IFCoFR applicable?	Audit F	Audit Report Date	
			2						3			202	4-25	Yes		
Table of Contents																
Sheet	Total checks	Yet to h	e started	Not Ap	plicable	Work i	n process	Query	raised	1023	eted & no Comments	183278		Last Date of Preparation	Last Da	te of Review
Cash	20	20	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1/0/19	00	1/0/190
Balances with RBLSBLOtherBank	14	14	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1/0/19	00	1/0/190
Money at call and short notice	7	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1/0/19	00	1/0/190
Investments	7	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1/0/19	00	1/0/190
Advances	119	119	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1/0/19	00	1/0/190
Other Assets	54	54	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	Δ	0.00%	1/0/19	00	1/0/190



#### **CASH TO IFCoFR 27 SHEETS**

- The 27 sheets subsequent and hyperlinked to dashboard are the key audit areas from Cash to IFCoFR.
- Once status, working paper reference, preparation date, and review date are filled in these sheets, the Dashboard reflects that data without any manual intervention.

## UTILITY FOR SELF-EVALUATION UNDER AQMM v 2.0

## INTRODUCTION- AUDIT QUALITY MATURITY MODEL VERSION 2.0

- The AQMM version 2.0 is a significant step forward in ICAI's ongoing efforts to elevate the standards of audit practice.
- The model reflects ICAI's commitment to enrich a culture of continuous improvement and innovation within the auditing profession.
- The focus is on enhancing audit quality, ensuring adherence to Standards on Auditing, and supporting small and medium firms in achieving greater compliance.
- It serves as a comprehensive framework designed to guide audit firms in assessing and enhancing their audit processes, capabilities, and outcomes. The firms can assess their level of audit quality maturity using AQMM.

#### **Cover Sheet**

- Provides Basic instructions for using the utility.
- A Disclaimer stating that ICAI is not in any way responsible for the result of any action taken based on usage of this utility.
- Explains how to navigate the workbook and fill the responses

#### **Self-Evaluation Sheet**

• It forms the core of the AQMM v 2.0 utility and is intended for use by CA firms to conduct a self-evaluation of their audit quality maturity.

#### **Summary Sheet**

• It is designed to provide final maturity level to the firm after assessing a firm's eligibility for level assignment based on the AQMM v 2.0 framework.

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#### **Audit Quality Maturity Model version 2.0**

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#### Basic Instructions

How to determine the Firm's Maturity Lev-

Step 1: Enter the score in Column G of the "Self Evaluation" tab.

Step 2: A grey cell in column G indicates that the user has inadventently not assigned any score for the particular sub-section and therefore a score has to be filled by him/her.

Step 3:Column "B" of the tab "Summary" indicates the count of zeroes under each section. Users ar therefore advised to re-check whether a score other than zero needs to be assigned.

Step 4: After completion of steps 1,2 & 3 above, the "Summary" tab indicates whether the firm is eligible for AQMM review or not. In case it is eligible, the level of firm is ascertained under this tab.

#### Disclaimer

This AQMM utility is an endeavour of the Centre for Audit Quality to enable members to self evaluate the current level of audit maturity of their firms as per the scoring criteria prescribed in the AQMM v 2.0. This utility has been prepared on the basis of Audit Quality indicators as described under AQMM v 2.0 and user discretion is advised in providing scores to their firms. The ICAI is not in any way responsible for the result of any action taken on the basis of usage of this utility.

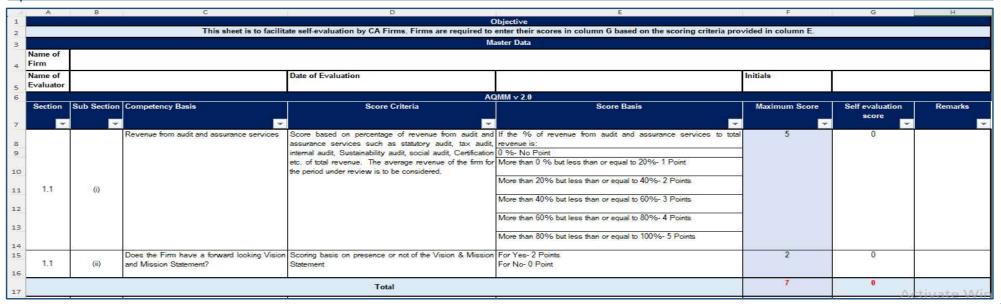
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#### **SELF-EVALUATION SHEET**

It contains the detailed Audit Quality Indicators as defined under each sub-section of the THREE sections of AQMM v 2.0.

Firms are required to enter the following details at the top of the sheet:

- Name of the firm
   Name of the evaluator
   Date of evaluation
   Initials of the evaluator
- The sheet allows firms to self-assess their current audit quality maturity level based on the structured scoring criteria prescribed under AOMM v 2.0.



#### **SELF-EVALUATION SHEET**

Firms have to self-assign scores in **Column G**, in accordance with the scoring basis defined in **Column E**.

A drop-down is provided in **Column G** for each sub-section for assigning a score, enabling the firms to select only the valid score options applicable to that sub-section.

The total for each section and the grand total of all three sections is automatically computed.

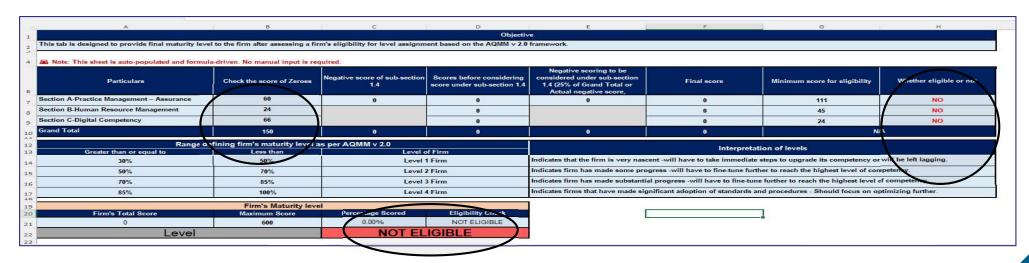
The cell under **Column G** will be highlighted in grey, if no score has been inadvertently assigned.

Firms may also put remarks in **Column H** for each sub-section.

E	F	G	Н		
	Initials				
Score Basis	Maximum Score	Self evaluation score	Remarks		
For Yes-2 points for each 6 areas – i.e. 12 Points For No-0 Point	12	0	*		
	12	0			
Up to 10% – 0 Point More than 10% but less than or equal to 30% – 4 Points	20	2 4 6 8			
More than 30% but less than or equal to 50% - 8 Points		10			
More than 50% but less than or equal to 70% – 12 Points		12			
More than 70% but less than or equal to 90% – 16 Points					
More than 90% – 20 Points					
	20	0			

#### **SUMMARY SHEET**

- This sheet is formula -driven and auto- populated and requires no manual input.
- The AQMM level of the firm is automatically reflected under cell "C22".
- It also confirms whether a firm is eligible to be assigned a level under AQMM v 2.0. i.e. whether it has scored a minimum of 30% under each Section of AQMM. If a firm is '**Not Eligible'**, the status is auto reflected under cell "C22".
- In case a firm score less than 30% in either of Sections 1, 2 or 3, the status 'NO' is displayed in cell H7, H8 & H9 respectively.
- An additional feature of this sheet is that it auto- calculates the total number of zero scored under the three sections in cells B7, B8 & B9 respectively. Therefore, a firm can revisit the sections to cross check whether it has inadvertently assigned a zero as well as to adopt measures to improvise itself further for those AQIs to enable itself to upgrade to the next level.



## Red Flags based Auditing

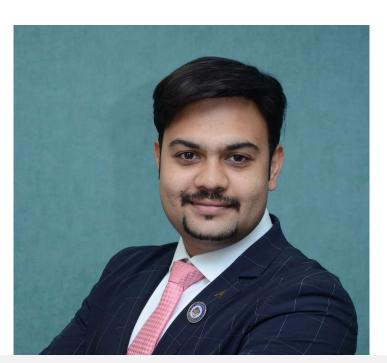
- 1 a) Default in undisputed payment to the statutory bodies as declared in the Annual report.
- b) Bouncing of high value cheques
- 2 Frequent change in the scope of the project to be undertaken by the borrower
- 3 Foreign bills remaining outstanding with the bank for a long time and tendency for bills to remain overdue.
- 4 Delay observed in payment of outstanding dues.
- 5 Frequent invocation of BGs and devolvement of LCs.
- 6 Under insured or over insured inventory.
- 7 Invoices devoid of TAN and other details.
- 8 Dispute on title of collateral securities.
- 9 Funds coming from other banks to liquidate the outstanding loan amount unless in normal course.
- 10 In merchanting trade, import leg not revealed to the bank.
- 11 Request received from the borrower to postpone the inspection of the godown for flimsy reasons.
- 12 Funding of the interest by sanctioning additional facilities.
- 13 Exclusive collateral charged to a number of lenders without NOC of existing charge holders.
- 14 Concealment of certain vital documents like master agreement, insurance coverage.

## Red Flags based Auditing

- 15 Floating front / associate companies by investing borrowed money
- 16 Critical issues highlighted in the stock audit report.
- 17 Liabilities appearing in ROC search report, not reported by the borrower in its annual report
- 18 Frequent request for general purpose loans.
- 19 Frequent ad hoc sanctions.
- 20 Not routing of sales proceeds through consortium I member bank/lenders to the company.
- 21 LCs issued for local trade I related party transactions without underlying trade transaction
- 22 High value RTGS payment to unrelated parties.
- 23 Heavy cash withdrawal in loan accounts.
- 24 Non production of original bills for verification upon request.
- 25 Significant movements in inventory, disproportionately differing vis-a-vis change in the turnover.
- 26 Significant movements in receivables, disproportionately differing vis-à-vis change in the turnover and/or increase in ageing of the receivables
- 27 Disproportionate change in other current assets
- 28 Significant increase in working capital borrowing as percentage of turnover

## Red Flags based Auditing

- 29 Increase in Fixed Assets, without corresponding increase in long term sources (when project is implemented).
- 30 Increase in borrowings, despite huge cash and cash equivalents in the borrower's balance sheet
- 31 Frequent change in accounting period and/or accounting policies
- 32 Costing of the project which is in wide variance with standard cost of installation of the project
- 33 Claims not acknowledged as debt high
- 34 Substantial increase in unbilled revenue year after year.
- 35 Large number of transactions with inter-connected companies and large outstanding from such companies
- 36 Substantial related party transactions
- 37 Material discrepancies in the annual report
- 38 Significant inconsistencies within the annual report (between various sections)
- 39 Poor disclosure of materially adverse information and no qualification by the statutory auditors
- 40 Raid by Income tax /sales tax/ central excise duty officials
- 41 Significant reduction in the stake of promoter /director or increase in the encumbered shares of promoter/director.
- 42 Resignation of the key personnel and frequent changes in the management



Breathe well... and Meditate!
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डुबिकयां सिंधु में गोताखोर लगाता है, जा जा कर खाली हाथ लौटकर आता है। मिलते नहीं सहज ही मोती गहरे पानी में, बढ़ता दुगना उत्साह इसी हैरानी में। मुट्ठी उसकी खाली हर बार नहीं होती, कोशिश करने वालों की कभी हार नहीं होती।

असफलता एक चुनौती है, इसे स्वीकार करो, क्या कमी रह गई, देखो और सुधार करो। जब तक न सफल हो, नींद चैन को त्यागो तुम, संघर्ष का मैदान छोड़ कर मत भागो तुम। कुछ किये बिना ही जय जय कार नहीं होती, कोशिश करने वालों की कभी हार नहीं होती।











