# Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report

## **Section A: General Disclosures**

S. No.	Particulars	Details
Ι.	Details of the listed entity	
1	Corporate Identity Number (CIN) of the Listed Entity	L74899DL1995PLC069839
2	Name of the Listed Entity	Varun Beverages Limited
3	Year of incorporation	1995
4	Registered office address	F- 2/7, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase- I New Delhi - 110 020
5	Corporate address	Plot No. 31, Sector 44, Institutional Area,
		Gurugram - 122 002, Haryana
6	E-mail	complianceofficer@rjcorp.in
7	Telephone	+91-124-4643100
8	Website	www.varunbeverages.com
9	Financial year for which reporting is being done	FY 2023*
10	Name of the Stock Exchange(s) where shares are listed	National Stock Exchange of India Limited and BSE Limited
11	Paid-up Capital	₹ 6,496.07 Million
12	Name and contact details (telephone, email address)	Mr. Ravi Batra,
	of the person who may be contacted in case of any	Chief Risk Officer and Group Company Secretary
	queries on the BRSR report	+91-124-4643100
		ravi.batra@rjcorp.in
13	Reporting boundary - Are the disclosures under this report made on a standalone basis (i.e. only for the entity) or on a consolidated basis (i.e. for the entity and all the entities which form a part of its consolidated financial statements, taken together).	

\*Company is following January 1 to December 31 as its Financial Year.

#### II. Products/services

#### 14. Details of business activities (accounting for 90% of the turnover):

S. No.	<b>Description of Main Activity</b>	Description of Business Activity	% of Turnover of the entity
1	Manufacturing of Beverages	Manufacturing of Carbonated,	95.36
	(NIC Code - 1104)	Non-carbonated beverages and	
		packaged drinking water	

#### 15. Products/Services sold by the entity (accounting for 90% of the entity's Turnover):

S	. No.	Product/Service	NIC Code	% of Total Turnover Contributed
	1	Carbonated, Non-carbonated	1104	95.36
		beverages and packaged drinking water		

### III. Operations

#### 16. Number of locations where plants and/or operations/offices of the entity are situated: As on 31 December 2023

Location	Number of plants	Number of offices	Total
National	33 plants for manufacturing of beverages and		66
	3 plants for backward integration	1 Corporate office and 28 sales offices	
International	serving through its subsidiaries	-	-



### 17. Markets served by the entity:

#### a. Number of locations

Locations	Number
National (No. of States)	27 States and 7 Union Territories
International (No. of Countries) (serving through its subsidiaries)	5

## b. What is the contribution of exports as a percentage of the total turnover of the entity?

0.44% of total turnover (₹ 559.43 Million)

### c. A brief on types of customers

End consumers are individuals serviced through Distributors, Retailers, Modern Trade, Hotels, Restaurants, etc.

### IV. Employees

### 18. Details as at the end of Financial Year: As on 31 December 2023

## a. Employees and workers (including differently abled):

S. No.	Particulars	Total	Male		Fen	nale	Others							
		(A)	No. (B) % (B/A)		No. (C)	% (C/A)	No. (D)	% (D/A)						
EMPLOYEES														
1	Permanent (E)	6,762	6,260	92.58%	488	7.22%	14	0.20%						
2	Other than Permanent (F)	7,013	13 6,867 97.92%		146	2.98%	0	0.00%						
3	Total Employees (E+F)	13,775	13,127 95.30%		634	4.60%	14	0.10%						
			WORKE	RS										
4	Permanent (G)	3,211	3,175	98.88%	36	1.12%	0	0.00%						
5	Other than Permanent (H)	9,832	9,006 91.60%		826	8.40%	0	0.00%						
6	Total workers (G+H)	13,043	12,181	93.39%	862	6.61%	0	-						

#### b. Differently abled Employees and workers:

S. No.	Particulars	Total	Ma	ale	Female		Others								
		(A) No. (B) % (B/A) I		No. (C)	% (C/A)	No. (D)	% (D/A)								
	DIFFERENTLY ABLED EMPLOYEES														
1	Permanent (E)	2	2	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%							
2	Other than Permanent (F)	24	22	91.67%	2	8.33%	0	0.00%							
3	Total Differently Abled	26	24	92.31%	2	7.69%	0	-							
	Employees (E+F)														
		DIFFER	ENTLY ABI		ERS										
4	Permanent (G)	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%							
5	Other than Permanent (H)	249	238	95.58%	11	4.42%	0	0.00%							
6	Total Differently abled workers (G+H)	249	238	95.58%	11	4.42%	0	-							

\* Workers number are on average basis for the reporting period

#### 19. Participation/Inclusion/Representation of women - As on 31 December 2023

Particulars	Total	No. and percentage of Females		
	(A)	No. (B)	% (B/A)	
Board of Directors	9	2	22%	
Key Management Personnel	3*	0	0%	

\*includes one Board Member

#### 20. Turnover rate for permanent employees and workers

(Disclose trends for the past 3 years)

		FY	2023			FY 2022		FY 2021			
	(Turnover rate in current FY)			-	rnover rat revious F		(Turnover rate in the year prior to the previous FY)				
	Total	Male	Female	Other	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
Permanent Employees	14% 19% 4%	15%	0%	14%	20%	18%	100/	16%	22%		
Permanent Workers		4%	0%	0%	14 %	5%	3%	12%	5%	3%	

V. Holding, Subsidiary and Associate Companies (including joint ventures)

### 21. (a) Names of holding / subsidiary / associate companies / joint ventures - As on 31 December 2023

S. No.	Name of the holding/subsidiary/ associate/Companies/Joint Ventures (A)	Indicate whether holding/ Subsidiary/ Joint Venture	% of shares held by listed entity	Does the entity indicated at column A, participate in the Business Responsibility initiatives of the listed entity? (Yes/No)
1	Varun Beverages (Nepal) Private Limited	Subsidiary	100.00%	No
2	Varun Beverages Lanka (Private) Limited	Subsidiary	100.00%	No
3	Ole Springs Bottlers (Private) Limited (step-down subsidiary)	Subsidiary	100.00%	No
4	Varun Beverages Morocco SA	Subsidiary	100.00%	No
5	Varun Beverages (Zambia) Limited	Subsidiary	90.00%	No
6	Varun Beverages (Zimbabwe) (Private) Limited	Subsidiary	85.00%	No
7	Varun Beverages RDC SAS	Subsidiary	99.90%	No
8	Varun Beverages International DMCC	Subsidiary	100.00%	No
9	Varun Beverages South Africa (PTY) Limited	Subsidiary	100.00%	No
10	VBL Mozambique, SA	Subsidiary	99.00%	No
11	Lunarmech Technologies Private Limited	Subsidiary	60.07%	No
12	IDVB Recycling Operations Private Limited	Joint Venture	50.00%	No
13	Clean Max Tav Private Limited	Associate	26.00%	No
14	Huoban Energy 7 Private Limited	Associate	26.34%	No

#### VI. CSR Details

- 22. (i) Whether CSR is applicable as per Section 135 of Companies Act, 2013: Yes (Yes/No)
  - (ii) Turnover (\*Revenue from Operations)
  - (iii) Net worth (\*Net worth = Equity Share Capital + Other Equity)

126,328.26 (₹ in million) As on 31.12.2023 70,758.04 (₹ in million) As on 31.12.2023



- VII. Transparency and Disclosures Compliances
- 23. Complaints/Grievances on any of the principles (Principles 1 to 9) under the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct:

Stakeholder group from	Grievance Redressal Mechanism in place	(Curre	FY 2023 nt Financial \	(ear)	(Previo	FY 2022 us Financial	Year)
whom complaint is received	(Yes/No) (If Yes, then provide web-link for grievance redress policy)	Number of Complaints Filed during the year	Number of	Remarks	Number of Complaints Filed during the year	Number of	Remarks
Communities	NO	0	0	_	0	0	-
Investors (other than shareholders)	NO	0	0	-	0	0	-
Shareholders	Yes, Company is following strong Grievance Redressal Mechanism and has separate committee of Directors i.e. Stakeholders' Relationship Committee	3	0	_	47	0	_
Employees and workers	Yes- https://varunbeverages. com/wp-content/ uploads/2023/03/4- POSH-Policy.pdf https://varunbeverages. com/wp-content/ uploads/2023/03/21- VIGIL-MECHANISM- POLICY.pdf	0	0	_	0	0	_
Customers	No. However, no. of Complaints received through PepsiCo Customer Care is provided	1,223	17	_	1,109	10	_
Value Chain Partners	Yes https:// varunbeverages. com/wp-content/ uploads/2023/04/23.1- Anti-Bribery-Policy1.pdf	0	0	-	0	0	_
Others (please specify)	Yes https:// varunbeverages. com/wp-content/ uploads/2023/03/21- VIGIL-MECHANISM- POLICY.pdf	0	0	_	0	0	_

#### 24. Overview of the entity's material responsible business conduct issues

Please indicate material responsible business conduct and sustainability issues pertaining to environmental and social matters that present a risk or an opportunity to your business, rationale for identifying the same, approach to adapt or mitigate the risk along-with its financial implications, as per the following format

Please refer Sustainability Report - Chapter "Materiality Assessment" (page-32) and "Risk and Opportunities Management" (page-82).

## **Section B: Management and Process Disclosures**

This section is aimed at helping businesses demonstrate the structures, policies and processes put in place towards adopting the NGRBC Principles and Core Elements.

	Disclosure	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Ρ
	Questions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			-	manage	1	ř.				
1.	a. Whether your entity's policy/ policies cover each principle and its core elements of the NGRBCs. (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<ul> <li>b. Has the policy been approved by the Board? (Yes/No)</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	c. Web Link of the Policies, if available			Yes	s, http	os://va	arunbevei	rages.com/policy/		
2.	Whether the entity has translated the policy into procedures. (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Do the enlisted policies extend to your value chain partners? (Yes/No)			Yes, Ant	i Brib	ery Po	olicy cove	ers value chain partners		
4.			ISO 14001 ISO 22000 (FSSC)	OHSAS 18001			ISO 14001 OHSAS 18001	Company is a member of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Confederation of Indian Industry, The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India and Action Alliance for Recycling Beverage Cartons.	-	-
5.	Specific commitments, goals and targets set by the entity with defined timelines, if any			Yes	- Refe	er Sus	tainability	y Report (Page 29)		
6.	Performance of the entity against the specific commitments, goals and targets along-with reasons in case the same are not met.			Yes	- Refe	er Sus	tainabilit <u>y</u>	y Report (Page 29)		
	-	Gov	ernance,	leaders	nip ar	nd ove	ersight			
7.	Statement by director responsible for the business responsibility report, highlighting ESG related challenges, targets and achievements (listed entity has flexibility regarding the placement of this disclosure)					in Su	stainabili	Message section (Page 24 ty Report		
8.	responsible for implementation and oversight of the Business Responsibility policy (ies).				Т	wo W	/hole-tim	xecutive Vice-Chairman an e Directors	d	
9.	Does the entity have a specified Committee of the Board/Director responsible for decision making on sustainability related issues? (Yes/No). If yes, provide details.			Yes, Envii	ronme	ent, S	ocial and	Governance Committee		



## 10. Details of Review of NGRBCs by the Company:

Subject for Review	Indicate whether review was undertaken by Director/Committee of the Board/Any other Committee					Frequency (Annually/ Half Yearly/ Quarterly/ Any other - please specify)												
	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Performance against above policies and follow up action Compliance with statutory requirements of relevance to the principles and rectification of any non- compliances	All th	·				5			5	e Board Ins, ex			·		5			basis.

11. Has the entity carried out independent assessment/evaluation of the working of its policies by an external agency? (Yes/No). If yes, provide name of the agency.

Р	P	P	Р	P	P	P	P	P
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No	No	Yes*	No	No	Yes#	No	No	No

\*DSS (DuPont Safety Solutions)has been engaged for providing safety solutions in respect of plants

\*DQS (Deutsch Quality Systems India Private Limited) has conducted carbon emission and water stewardship audit.

#### 12. If answer to question (1) above is "No" i.e. not all Principles are covered by a policy, reasons to be stated

Questions	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
The entity does not consider the									
Principles material to its business	N.A.								
(Yes/No)									
The entity is not at a stage where									
it is in a position to formulate and	N.A.								
implement the policies on specified	N.A.	IN.A.							
principles (Yes/No)									
The entity does not have the financial									
or/human and technical resources	N.A.								
available for the task (Yes/No)									
It is planned to be done in the next	N.A.								
financial year (Yes/No)	IN.A.								
Any other reason (please specify)	N.A.								

#### Section C - Principle Wise Performance Disclosure

This section is aimed at helping entities demonstrate their performance in integrating the Principles and Core Elements with key processes and decisions. The information sought is categorised as "Essential" and "Leadership". While the essential indicators are expected to be disclosed by every entity that is mandated to file this report, the leadership indicators may be voluntarily disclosed by entities which aspire to progress to a higher level in their quest to be socially, environmentally and ethically responsible.

PRINCIPLE 1: Businesses should conduct and govern themselves with integrity, and in a manner that is Ethical, Transparent and Accountable.

**Essential Indicators** 

1. Percentage coverage by training and awareness programmes on any of the Principles during the financial year 2023:

Segment	Total number of training and awareness programmes held	Topics/principles covered under the training and its impact	%age of persons in respective category covered by the awareness programmes
Board of Directors	4	Key Developments, Sustainability Initiatives, Regulatory updates, Review of Policy & procedures	100%
Key Managerial Personnel	4	Key Developments, Sustainability Initiatives, Regulatory updates, Review of Policy & procedures	100%
Employees other than BoD and KMPs	4	Key policies including POSH, Code of Conduct, Insider Trading Regulations, Whistle Blower & FCPA	100%
Workers	30+	Health & Safety, Skills upgradation and others	100%

2. Details of fines / penalties /punishment/ award/ compounding fees/ settlement amount paid in proceedings (by the entity or by directors / KMPs) with regulators/ law enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions, in the financial year, in the following format (Note: the entity shall make disclosures on the basis of materiality as specified in Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and as disclosed on the entity's website):

Monetary	NGRBC Principle	Name of the regulatory/ enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions	Amount (₹ INR)	Brief of the Case	Has an appeal been preferred ? (Yes/No)
Settlement	-	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Penalty/Fines	-	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Compounding fee	-	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Non-Monetary	NGRBC Principle	Name of the regulatory/enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions	Brief of the Case	Has an appeal been preferred ? (Yes/No)
Imprisonment	-	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Punishment	-	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

3. Of the instances disclosed in Question 2 above, details of the Appeal/ Revision preferred in cases where monetary or non-monetary action has been appealed.

Case Details	Name of regulatory/enforcement agencies/judicial institutions
N.A.	N.A.

4. Does the entity have an anti-corruption or anti-bribery policy? If yes, provide details in brief and if available, provide a web-link to the policy.

Yes

Varun Beverages Limited and its subsidiaries, affiliates, associates and group companies (collectively referred to as "VBL"), their directors, officers, employees (including part-time and contractors) and suppliers ("Officials"), while acting on behalf of VBL strictly comply with this Anti-Bribery Policy. Officials are prohibited from giving or receiving Bribes to any Government Officials or any other person or entity, including any person or entity in the private or commercial sector, if the payment is intended to induce the recipient to misuse his or her position and thereby give an unfair advantage to VBL. Detailed Policy is available at:

https://varunbeverages.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/23.1-Anti-Bribery-Policy1.pdf



## 5. Number of Directors/KMPs/employees/workers against whom disciplinary action was taken by any law enforcement agency for the charges of bribery/ corruption:

	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)
Directors	Nil	Nil
KMPs	Nil	Nil
Employees	Nil	Nil
Workers	Nil	Nil

### 6. Details of complaints with regard to conflict of interest:

		2023 nancial Year)	FY 2 (Previous Fir	022 nancial Year)
	Number	Remarks	Number	Remarks
Number of complaints received in relation to	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
issues of Conflict of interest of Directors				
Number of complaints received in relation to	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
issues of Conflict of interest of KMPs				

7. Provide details of any corrective action taken or underway on issues related to fines/penalties/action taken by regulators/ law enforcement agencies/judicial institutions, on cases of corruption and conflicts of interest.

Not Applicable

### PRINCIPLE 2: Businesses should provide goods and services in a manner that is sustainable and safe

#### **Essential Indicators**

1. Percentage of R&D and capital expenditure (capex) investments in specific technologies to improve the environmental and social impacts of product and processes to total R&D and capex investments made by the entity, respectively.

	FY 2023	FY 2022	Details of improvements in environmental
	(Current Financial Year)	(Previous Financial Year)	and social impacts
R&D	-	-	-
Capex	₹ 512.18 Million	₹ 51.50 Million	We strive to make use of renewable energy for
	(2.79% of the total capex)	(0.4% of the total capex)	our energy requirements and aim to expand our
			renewable energy portfolio further.

#### 2. a. Does the entity have procedures in place for sustainable sourcing? (Yes/No)

Yes. the Company is procuring raw materials and packaging materials from the suppliers who are doing their respective businesses sustainably. Refer page 57 & 58 of Sustainability Report for some of the initiatives taken by our suppliers.

#### b. If yes, what percentage of inputs were sourced sustainably?

Given our business operations, it is difficult to estimate the percentage of inputs sourced sustainably.

However, all the suppliers follow our Supplier Code of Conduct wherein they abide by all provisions relating to the impact on quality and food safety, sustainability, waste, and work environment which includes labor practices and human rights aspects.

## 3. Describe the processes in place to safely reclaim your products for reusing, recycling and disposing at the end of life, for (a) Plastics (including packaging) (b) E-waste (c) Hazardous waste and (d) other waste.

VBL has engaged GEM Enviro Management Private Limited for phased implementation of 100% recycling of used PET bottles. Headquartered in Delhi, GEM Enviro is a Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) recognised Producer Responsible Organisation (PRO) specialising in collection and recycling of packaging waste and promotion of recycled green products. It makes T-shirts and bags made from recycling of waste material, such as used PET bottles.

4. Whether Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is applicable to the entity's activities (Yes/No). If yes, whether the waste collection plan is in line with the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) plan submitted to Pollution Control Boards? If not, provide steps taken to address the same.

Yes, Refer response to point 3 above.

#### Leadership Indicators

1. Has the entity conducted Life Cycle Perspective/Assessments (LCA) for any of its products (for manufacturing industry) or for its services (for service industry)? If yes, provide details in the following format?

NIC Code	Name of	% of total	Boundary for which the	Whether conducted	<b>Results communicated</b>
	Product/	Turnover	Life Cycle Perspective	by independent	in public domain
	Service	contributed	/Assessment was	external agency	(Yes/No) If yes,
			conducted	(Yes/No)	provide the web-link.

Life Cycle Assessment Process

VBL is working continuously on screening our end-to-end production processes to deliver positive impact on environment. In alignment to this, we adopted Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and undertook an internal study to assess the environmental impacts and embed the principles of sustainability into various stages of product i.e, procurement of raw material, manufacturing of products, transportation of raw materials and supply of finished goods. In order to continuously reduce the environmental footprint, the Company is improving efficiencies, especially on critical resources such as water, fuel and energy, optimizing the resource consumption and minimizing wastages including plastic waste management, increasing green cover in manufacturing plants and also developing outside establishments.

2. If there are any significant social or environmental concerns and/or risks arising from production or disposal of your products/services, as identified in the Life Cycle Perspective/Assessments (LCA) or through any other means, briefly describe the same along-with action taken to mitigate the same.

Name of Product/Service	Description of the risk/concern	Action Taken
	No risks have been identified	

3. Percentage of recycled or reused input material to total material (by value) used in production (for manufacturing industry) or providing services (for service industry).

	Recycled or re-used input material to total material				
Indicate input material	FY 2023	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)			
	(Current Financial Year)				
No such input material used	Nil	Nil			

4. Of the products and packaging reclaimed at end of life of products, amount (in metric tonnes) reused, recycled, and safely disposed, as per the following format:

	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)				
			Re-Used	Recycled	Safely			
			Disposed			Disposed		
Plastics (including Packaging)	-	150,982	-	-	118,392	-		
E-waste	Quantity	not recorded	l but safely di	sposed thro	ough authoris	ed vendors		
Hazardous waste	-	-	1,426	-	-	1,152		
Other waste	Quantity not recorded but safely disposed through authorised vendors							



PRINCIPLE 3: Businesses should respect and promote the well-being of all employees, including those in their value chains

## **Essential Indicators**

### 1. a. Details of measures for the well-being of employees: FY 2023

Category		% of employees covered by									
category	Total	Health II	nsurance	Accident	Insurance	Maternity	/ benefits	Paternity	Benefits	Day Care	facilities
	(A)	Number (B)	% (B/A)	Number (C)	% (C/A)	Number (D)	% (D/A)	Number (E)	% (E/A)	Number (F)	% (F/A)
				Pe	rmanent e	mployees					
Male	6,260	6,260	100%	6,259	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0
Female	488	488	100%	488	100%	488	100%	0	0%	114	23%
Others	14	14	100%	14	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	6,762	6,762	100%	6,761	100%	488	7%	0	0%	114	2%
				Other th	an Permar	ent emplo	oyees				
Male	6,867	6,867	100%	6,867	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Female	146	146	100%	146	100%	146	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Others	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	7,013	7,013	100%	7,013	100%	146	2%	0	0%	0	0%

## b. Details of measures for the well-being of workers: FY 2023

Category					% of wo	orkers cov	ered by				
outegoly	Total	Health II	nsurance	Accident	Insurance	Maternity	/ benefits	Paternity	Benefits	Day Care facilities	
	(A)	Number (B)	% (B/A)	Number (C)	% (C/A)	Number (D)	% (D/A)	Number (E)	% (E/A)	Number (F)	% (F/A)
	Permanent workers										
Male	3,175	3,175	100%	3,175	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Female	36	36	100%	36	100%	36	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Others	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	3,211	3,211	100%	3,211	100%	36	1%	0	0%	0	0%
				Other t	han Perma	anent work	kers				
Male	9,006	9,006	100%	9,006	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Female	826	826	100%	826	100%	826	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	9,832	9,832	100%	9,832	100%	826	8%	0	0%	0	0%

## 2. Details of retirement benefits, for Current Financial Year and Previous Financial Year.

Benefits	(Cur	FY 2023 rent Financial `	Year)	(Previ	FY 2022 ous Financial	Year)	Remarks
	No. of employees covered as a % of total employees	No. of workers covered as a % of total workers	Deducted and deposited with the authority (Y/N/N.A.)	No. of employees covered as a % of total employees	No. of workers covered as a % of total workers	Deducted and deposited with the authority (Y/N/N.A.)	
PF	100%	100%	Y	100%	100%	Y	PF AS PER EPF & MISC PROVISION ACT
Gratuity	100%	100%	Y	100%	100%	Y	GRATUITY AS PER PAYMENT OF GRATUITY ACT
ESI	100%	100%	Y	100%	100%	Y	ESI AS PER EMPLOYEE STATE INSURANCE ACT
Others - please sepcify	-	-	N.A	-	-	N.A	-

#### 3. Accessibility of workplaces

Are the premises/offices of the entity accessible to differently abled employees and workers, as per the requirements of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016? If not, whether any steps are being taken by the entity in this regard.

Yes

4. Does the entity have an equal opportunity policy as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016? If so, provide a web-link to the policy.

No

5. Return to work and Retention rates of permanent employees and workers that took parental leave - FY 2023

Gender	Permanent	employees	Permanent workers			
	Return to work rate Retention rate R		Return to work rate	Retention rate		
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Female	100%	100%	100%	100%		

6. Is there a mechanism available to receive and redress grievances for the following categories of employees and worker? If yes, give details of the mechanism in brief.

	Yes/No (If Yes, then give details of the mechanism in brief)
Permanent Workers	
Other than Permanent Workers	Yes, the Company has multiple mechanisms to redress grievances as per below links as available on the website
Permanent Employees	of the Company.
Other than Permanent Employees	- or the company.

https://varunbeverages.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/25-Grievance-Redressal-Policy.pdf

https://varunbeverages.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/21-VIGIL-MECHANISM-POLICY.pdf

https://varunbeverages.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/4-POSH-Policy.pdf

#### 7. Membership of employees and workers in association(s) or Unions recognised by the listed entity:

Category	(Cu	FY 2023 rrent Financial Ye	ear)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)			
	Total employees/ workers in respective category (A)	No. of employees/ workers in respective category, who are part of association(s) or Union (B)	% (B/A)	Total employees/ workers in respective category (C)	No. of employees/ workers in respective category, who are part of association(s) or Union (D)	% (D/C)	
		Total Perm	anent Employe	es			
Male	6,260	0	0%	5,533	0	0%	
Female	488	0	0%	211	0	0%	
Others	14	0	0%	0	0	0%	
		Total Perr	nanent Workei	rs			
Male	3,175	1,586	50%	2,859	1,717	60%	
Female	36	14	39%	33	16	48%	

8. Details of training given to employees and workers:

Category	(Current Financial Year)					FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)					Remarks
	Total (A)	On Health & Safety Measures			On Skill Upgradation		On He Safety M		On S Upgra		
		Number (B)	% (B /A)	Number (C)	% (C/A)		Number (E)	% (E/D)	Number (F)	% (F/E)	
	Employees										
Male	6,260	2,886	46%	5,607	90%	5,533	1,744	32%	3,091	56%	-
Female	488	221	45%	330	68%	211	78	37%	130	62%	-
Others	14	4	29%	1	7%	0	0	0	0	0%	-
Total	6,762	3,111	46%	5,938	88%	5,744	1,822	32%	3,221	56%	-
					Worke	ers					
Male	3,175	3,146	99%	2,856	90%	2,859	2,204	77%	1,996	70%	-
Female	36	34	94%	36	100%	33	21	64%	14	42%	-
Total	3,211	3,180	99%	2,892	90%	2,892	2,225	77%	2,010	70%	-

9. Details of performance and career development reviews of employees and workers:

Category	(Curr	FY 2023 ent Financial Y	ear)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)						
	Total (A)	No. (B)	% (B/A)	Total (A)	No. (B)	% (B/A)				
	Employees									
Male	6,260	6,260	100%	5,533	5,533	100%				
Female	488	488	100%	211	211	100%				
Others	14	14	100%	0	0	0%				
Total	6,762	6,762	100%	5,744	5,744	100%				
			Worke	ers						
Male	3,175	3,175	100%	2,859	2,859	100%				
Female	36	36	100%	33	33	100%				
Total	3,211	3,211	100%	2,892	2,892	100%				

\* Remarks - We have an annual appraisal process, where performance is assessed through ratings system. At the Sales unit level - performance is monitored month on month through target achievement At Plant level performance is monitored through KPI's.

#### 10. Health and safety management system:

a. Whether an occupational health and safety management system has been implemented by the entity? (Yes/No). If yes, the coverage such system?

Yes, Each plant has primary health centres and restrooms have been established. Periodic inspections are conducted by certified surgeons and auditing organization to confirm that our occupational health and safety systems meet international standards. Since we fall under Food & Beverage category, we are subjected to all industry related audits and surveys to ensure that we are 100% compliant.

## b. What are the processes used to identify work-related hazards and assess risks on a routine and non-routine basis by the entity?

Yes (Identified by concern government offices)

c. Whether you have processes for workers to report the work related hazards and to remove themselves from such risks. (Y/N)

Yes, all workers can reach out to management to address their concerns regarding working conditions, human rights, etc.

d. Do the employees/ worker of the entity have access to non-occupational medical and healthcare services? (Yes/No)

Yes, medical advise is available for workers and employees at the plant level.

#### 11. Details of safety related incidents, in the following format:

Safety Incident/Number	Category	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR)	Employees	0	0
(per one million-person hours worked)	Workers	0.003	0
Tatal Departable work related injuries	Employees	1	1
Total Recordable work - related injuries	Workers	1	2
No. of fatalities	Employees	0	0
INO. OF FACALLIES	Workers	2	2
High consequence work-related injury or ill	Employees	0	0
health (excluding fatalities)	Workers	0	0

#### 12. Describe the measures taken by the entity to ensure a safe and healthy work place.

- 1. Conducting Safety awareness program frequently
- 2. Specialized training program for operations/Technicians.
- 3. Safety audit by Internal/Government officials.
- 4. Formation of safety committee
- 5. Periodic Check of equipments

#### 13. Number of Complaints on the following made by employees and workers:

Category	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)			
	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of the year	Remarks	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of the year	Remarks	
Working Conditions	0	0	-	0	0	-	
Health & Safety	0	0	-	0	0	-	

#### 14. Assessments for the year:

	% of your plants and offices that were assessed (by entity or statutory authorities or third parties)
Health and safety practices	100%*
Working Conditions	100%*

\* Remarks - As as when visited by respective Govt. officers

We have engaged DuPont Safety Solutions, an independent agency, for implementing best practices of health and safety across all of our plants in a phased manner.

## 15. Provide details of any corrective action taken or underway to address safety-related incidents (if any) and on significant risks/concerns arising from assessments of health & safety practices and working conditions.

There were no significant risk or concern arising from assessments of health & safety practices and working conditions, however we have undertaken following preventive measures:

- i. Formation of Safety Committee to formulate best health & safety practices and working conditions.
- ii. Safety audit by Internal/Government officials
- iii. Specialized training program for Operations/Technicians
- iv. Conducting frequent Safety Awareness programs
- v. Periodic check of equipments



#### Leadership Indicators

1. Does the entity extend any life insurance or any compensatory package in the event of death of (A) Employees (Y/N) (B) Workers (Y/N).

(A) Yes (B) Yes

2. Provide the measures undertaken by the entity to ensure that statutory dues have been deducted and deposited by the value chain partners.

Yes- for PF & ESI

All the contractors working with us are registered with PF & ESI authorities and they have been allotted separate code number by respective authorities. They are depositing the contributions as and when due and they share back the challans of the deposits made to the authorities.

#### 3. Details on assessment of value chain partners:

	% of value chain partners (by value of business done
	with such partners) that were assessed
Health and safety practices	90%
Working Conditions	90%

The above table is related with material supplier. All the manpower deployed to the factory/Office by various manpower supply companies are governed by the respective labour laws of that company/Plant.

4. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks/concerns arising from assessments of health and safety practices and working conditions of value chain partners.

All the manpower deployed to the factory/Office by various manpower supply companies are governed by the respective labour laws of the state concerned.

#### PRINCIPLE 4: Businesses should respect the interests of and be responsive to all its stakeholders

#### **Essential Indicators**

#### 1. Describe the processes for identifying key stakeholder groups of the entity.

Refer "Stakeholder Communication:Involving those who Matter Most" section (Page 30) in Sustainability Report

2. List stakeholder groups identified as key for your entity and the frequency of engagement with each stakeholder group.

Refer "Stakeholder Communication:Involving those who Matter Most" section (Page 30) in Sustainability Report

#### **PRINCIPLE 5: Businesses should respect and promote human rights**

#### **Essential Indicators**

1. Employees and workers who have been provided training on human rights issues and policy(ies) of the entity, in the following format:

Category	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)		FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)				
	Total (A)	No. of Employees /Workers Covered (B)	% (B/A)	Total (C)	No. of Employees /Workers Covered (D)	% (D/C)	
Employees							
Permanent	6,762	3,111	46%	5,744	2,183	38%	
Other than Permanent	7,013	3,013	43%	5,508	2,644	48%	
Total Employees	13,775	6,124	44%	11,252	4,827	43%	
		W	orkers		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Permanent	3,211	3,180	99%	2,892	1,475	51%	
Other than Permanent	9,832	5,113	52%	8,820	3,969	45%	
Total Workers	13,043	8,293	64%	11,712	5,444	46%	

#### 2. Details of minimum wages paid to employees and workers, in the following format:

Category	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)				FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)					
	TotalEqual toMore than(A)minimum wagesminimum wages		-		al to n wages	More than minimum wages				
		No. (B)	% (B/A)	No. (C)	% (C/A)		No. (E)	% (E/D)	No. (F)	% (F/D)
				Employ	/ees					
				Permai	nent					
Male	6,260	0	0%	6,260	100%	5,533	0	0%	5,533	100%
Female	488	0	0%	488	100%	211	0	0%	211	100%
Other	14	0	0%	14	100%	0	0	0%	0	0%
			Oth	er than P	ermanen	t				
Male	6,867	0	0%	6,867	100%	5,405	0	0%	5,405	100%
Female	146	0	0%	146	100%	103	0	0%	103	100%
				Work	ers					
				Permai	nent					
Male	3,175	0	0%	3,175	100%	2,859	0	0%	2,859	100%
Female	36	0	0%	36	100%	33	0	0%	33	100%
	Other than Permanent									
Male	9,006	4,956	55%	4,050	45%	8,092	0	0%	8,092	100%
Female	826	455	55%	371	45%	728	0	0%	728	100%

#### 3. Details of remuneration/salary/wages, in the following format: FY 2023

		Male		Female		Other	
	Number	Median remuneration/ salary/wages of respective category		Median remuneration/ salary/wages of respective category	Number	Median remuneration/ salary/wages of respective category	
Board of Directors (BOD)	3	57.66	-	-	-	-	
Key Managerial Personnel	2	17.74	-	-	-	-	
Employees other than BOD and KMP	6,255	0.44	488	0.40	14	0.36	
Workers	3,175	0.31	36	0.26	-	-	

**Note:** Since Independent Directors received no remuneration, except sitting fee for attending Board/ Committee meetings, the required details are not applicable. Further, for the purpose of calculation of median remuneration of KMP, remuneration paid to Mr. Rajesh Chawla has not been considered due to cessation as KMP with effect from August 3, 2023.

## 4. Do you have a focal point (Individual/Committee) responsible for addressing human rights impacts or issues caused or contributed to by the business? (Yes/No)

All employees can reach out to management to address their concerns & we also have grievance redressal mechanism.

#### 5. Describe the internal mechanisms in place to redress grievances related to human rights issues.

We have an internal grievance redressal mechanism through which grievance get redressed. However, if the grievance is not settled by the internal committee then concern person is free to approach the government forum.



### 6. Number of Complaints on the following made by employees and workers:

	(Currei	FY 2023 nt Financial Ye	ear)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)			
	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of the year	Remarks	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of the year	Remarks	
Sexual Harassment	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Discrimination at workplace	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Child Labour	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Forced Labour/Involuntary	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Labour							
Wages	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other human rights related issues	-	-	-	-	-	-	

## 7. Mechanisms to prevent adverse consequences to the complainant in discrimination and harassment cases.

All employees can reach out to management to address their concerns & we are also governed by POSH & Grievance redressal mechanism.

### 8. Do human rights requirements form part of your business agreements and contracts? (Yes/No)

As per Labour laws and/or other applicable laws

#### 9. Assessments for the year:

	% of your plants and offices that were assessed (by entity or statutory authorities or third parties)
Child labour	Nil
Forced/involuntary labour	Nil
Sexual harassment	Nil
Discrimination at workplace	Nil
Wages	Nil
Others - please specify	N.A.

## 10. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks/concerns arising from the assessments at Question 9 above.

We are strictly following the labour laws in which all above points are covered, so far we have not been prosecuted for any deviations. All employees can reach out to the management to address any significant risks/concerns regarding their work environment.

#### Leadership Indicators

## 1. Details of a business process being modified/introduced as a result of addressing human rights grievances/ complaints.

We have had no such concerns in the past. However, all employees can reach out to the management to address any significant risks/concerns regarding their work environment.

#### 2. Details on assessment of value chain partners:

	% of your plants and offices that were assessed (by entity or statutory authorities or third parties)
Sexual harassment	Nil
Discrimination at workplace	Nil
Child labour	Nil
Forced/involuntary labour	Nil
Wages	Nil
Others - please specify	N.A

**3.** Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks/concerns arising from the assessments at Question 2 above.

There has been no such cases

### PRINCIPLE 6: Businesses should respect and make efforts to protect and restore the environment

#### **Essential Indicators**

1. Details of total energy consumption (in Kwh) and energy intensity, in the following format:

Parameter	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)
Total electricity consumption (A) Grid + Wind/Solar	343,616,110	303,770,200
Total fuel consumption (B) DG	11,482,235	13,652,865
Energy consumption through other sources ( C)	-	-
Total energy consumption (A+B+C)	355,098,345	317,423,065
Energy intensity per rupee of turnover (Total energy consumption/turnover in rupees)	0.0028	0.0030
Energy intensity (optional) - the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	-	-

**Note:** Indicate if any independent assessment/evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

Yes, DQS (Deutsch Quality Systems India Private Limited)

2. Does the entity have any sites/facilities identified as designated consumers (DCs) under the Performance, Achieve and Trade (PAT) Scheme of the Government of India? (Y/N) If yes, disclose whether targets set under the PAT scheme have been achieved. In case targets have not been achieved, provide the remedial action taken, if any.

Not Applicable

3. Provide details of the following disclosures related to water, in the following format:

		(in million liters)
Parameter	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)
Water withdrawal by source		
(i) Surface water	1,826	1,928
(ii) Groundwater	4,571	4,393
(iii) Third party water	-	-
(iv) Seawater/desalinated water	-	-
(v) Others	-	-
Total volume of water withdrawal (i + ii + iii + iv + v)	6,397	6,321
Total volume of water consumption	4,143	3,728
Water intensity per rupee of turnover (Water consumed/turnover)	0.033	0.035
Water intensity (optional) - the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	1.54	1.70

**Note:** Indicate if any independent assessment/evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

Yes, DQS (Deutsch Quality Systems India Private Limited)

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## 4. Has the entity implemented a mechanism for Zero Liquid Discharge? If yes, provide details of its coverage and implementation.

No, the entity has not implemented a mechanism for Zero Liquid Discharge, however the company has adopted various improvement process for better water management:

- Low glass mix and more efficient new lines
- Air Scoring to complete in all the plants
- Connect all filters (ACF/PSF) for water recovery
- Optimize drainage timing at ACF/PSF (Optimization to standard 5 minutes drain time)
- Bottle washer recovery to complete. High volume glass line
- RO at ETPs at selective locations. Sample plant high volume to choose
- RO Efficiency to improve whereever RO recovery < Designed recovery
- Sensors/Foot operated taps for hand wash at plants
- 5. Please provide details of air emissions (other than GHG emissions) by the entity, in the following format:

Parameter	Please specify units	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)
NOx			
SOx			
Particulate matter (PM)			
Persistent organic pollutants (POP)		NA	
Volatile organic Compounds (VOC)			
Hazardous air Pollutants (HAP)			
Others - please specify			

**Note:** Indicate if any independent assessment/evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency. No

#### 6. Provide details of greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions) & intensity, in the following format:

Parameter	units	FY 2023	
		(Current Financial Year)	(Previous Financial Year)
Total Scope 1 emissions	Metric tonnes of	42,930	51,945
(Break-up of the GHG into $CO_2$ , $CH_4$ ,	CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent		
$N_2O$ , HFCs, PFCs, SF <sub>6</sub> , NF <sub>3</sub> , if available)			
Total Scope 2 emissions	Metric tonnes of	210,408	224,446
(Break-up of the GHG into $CO_2$ , $CH_4$ ,	CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent		
$N_2O$ , HFCs, PFCs, SF <sub>6</sub> , NF <sub>3</sub> , if available)			
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions	Metric tonnes of	2.01	2.61
per rupee of turnover	CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent		
	per Rupee		
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission	grams of	61.15	74.13
intensity (optional)	CO <sub>2</sub> e/liter		
- the relevant metric may be	_		
selected by the entity			

**Note:** Indicate if any independent assessment/evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

Yes, DQS (Deutsch Quality Systems India Private Limited)

#### 7. Does the entity have any project related to reducing Green House Gas emission? If Yes, then provide details.

Yes, The Company has taken several environmental initiatives which showcases commitment to sustainable practices:

- i. Procurement of Energy efficient machines
- ii. Increase in Rooftop Solar Power Generation
- iii. Energy efficient Visi coolers
- iv. Conduction of Plantation Drive
- v. Use of Electric Vehicles for last mile delivery

Also, Refer "Carbon Footprint" section (Page 52) in Sustainability Report

#### 8. Provide details related to waste management by the entity, in the following format:

Parameter	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)	
Total Waste generated	(in metric tonnes)		
Plastic waste (A)	175,292	147,521	
waste (B) Quantity not recorded but safely dispose through authorised vendors			
Bio-medical waste (C)	-	-	
Construction and demolition Waste (D)	-	d but safely disposed orised vendors	
Battery waste (E)	-	-	
Radioactive waste (F)	-	-	
Other Hazardous waste. Please specify, if any. (G) -Sludge	1,426	1,152	
Non Hazardous waste. Please specify, if any. (H) (Break-up by composition i.e. by materials relevant to the sector)	-	-	
Total (A+B + C + D + E + F + G+ H)	176,718	148,673	
For each category of waste generated, total waste recover operations (in metric tonnes)	ered through recycling, re-	using or other recovery	
Category of waste	-	-	
(i) Recycled	150,982	118,392	
(ii) Re-used	-	-	
(iii) Other recovery operations	-	-	
Total	150,982	118,392	
% Recycled against total generated	86%	80%	
For each category of waste generated, total waste dispos	ed by nature of disposal n	nethod (in metric tonnes)	
Category of waste	-	-	
(i) Incineration	-	-	
(ii) Landfilling	-	-	
(iii) Other disposal operations	1,426	1,152	
Total	1,426	1,152	

**Note:** Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

Yes, GEM Enviro Management Private Limited for Plastic Recycle Management



9. Briefly describe the waste management practices adopted in your establishments. Describe the strategy adopted by your company to reduce usage of hazardous and toxic chemicals in your products and processes and the practices adopted to manage such wastes.

We do segregation of all type of waste at source and store wastes in designated areas only. Wastages are closely monitored on daily, weekly and monthly basis and are directly linked with plant KPIs. Approximately more than 90-98% waste (broken glass, plastic bottles, cartons, metal waste etc) goes for recycling. Unit has effective ETP operation combined with aeration and anaerobic system wherein effective operational controls ensures very limited quantity of ETP sludge generation as a hazardous waste. ETP sludge is safely collected in Hazardous waste storage area and finally disposal is done to pollution control board approved TSDF facility for landfill. Unit is not using any toxic chemicals.

10. If the entity has operations/offices in/around ecologically sensitive areas (such as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserves, wetlands, biodiversity hotspots, forests, coastal regulation zones etc.) where environmental approvals/clearances are required, please specify details in the following format:

S.No.	Location of operations/offices		Whether the conditions of environmental approval/ clearance are being complied with? (Y/N) If no, the reasons thereof and corrective action taken, if any.
	Not Applicable		

11. Details of environmental impact assessments of projects undertaken by the entity based on applicable laws, in the current financial year:

Name and brief details of project	EIA Notification No.	Date	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes/No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes/No)	Relevant Web link
Kota	-	-	Yes, Groundwater Impact Assessment (GIA) study was conducted	No	-

12. Is the entity compliant with the applicable environmental law/regulations/guidelines in India; such as the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, Environment protection act and rules thereunder (Y/N). If not, provide details of all such non-compliances, in the following format:

Leadership Indicators

1. Provide break-up of the total energy consumed from renewable and non-renewable sources, in the following format:

Parameter	FY 2023	FY 2022
	(Current Financial Year)	(Previous Financial Year)
From renewabl	e sources	
Total electricity consumption (A) (in kWH)	57,699,095	20,962,123
Total fuel consumption (B) (biomass briquette, firewood,	64,147,966	74,120,237
deoiled cashew cake, CNG KG)		
Energy consumption through other sources ( C)	-	-
Total energy consumed from renewable sources (A+B+C)	N.A*	N.A*
From non-renewa	ble sources	
Total electricity consumption (D) (in kWH)	382,031,610	282,808,077
Total fuel consumption (E) (HSD Diesel in liters)	4,470,862	5,531,857
Energy consumption through other sources ( F)	-	-
Total energy consumed from non-renewable (D+E+F)	N.A*	N.A*
(Note: *Different units of measurement, cannot be added)	)	

**Note:** Indicate if any independent assessment/evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

Yes, DQS (Deutsch Quality Systems India Private Limited)

#### 2. Provide the following details related to water discharged:

		(in million liters)
Parameter	FY 2023	FY 2022
	(Current Financial Year)	(Previous Financial Year)
Water discharge by destination	on and level of treatment	
(i) To Surface water	-	
- No treatment	-	
- With treatment - please specify level of treatment	-	
(ii) To Groundwater	-	
- No treatment	-	
- With treatment - please specify level of treatment	-	
(iii) To Seawater	-	
- No treatment	-	
- With treatment - please specify level of treatment	-	
(iv) Sent to third-parties	-	
- No treatment	-	
- With treatment - please specify level of treatment	-	
(v) Others	-	
- No treatment	-	
<ul> <li>With treatment - please specify level of treatment</li> <li>To ETP (treated) and reused in plants</li> </ul>	2,253	2,593
Total water discharged	2,253	2,59

**Note:** Indicate if any independent assessment/evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency

Yes, DQS (Deutsch Quality Systems India Private Limited)

#### 3. Water withdrawal, consumption and discharge in areas of water stress (in million liters):

For each facility/plant located in areas of water stress, provide the following information:

- (i) Name of the area: All Plants in India
- (ii) Nature of operations: Manufacturing of Beverages
- (iii) Water withdrawal, consumption and discharge in the following format:

		(in million liters)
Parameter	FY 2023	FY 2022
	(Current Financial Year)	(Previous Financial Year)
Water withdrawa	al by source	
(i) Surface water	-	-
(ii) Groundwater	2,178	1,866
(iii) Third party water	-	-
(iv) Seawater/desalinated water	-	-
(v) Others	-	-
Total volume of water withdrawal	2,178	1,866
Total volume of water consumption	1,418	1,198
Water intensity per rupee of turnover	0.01	0.01
(Water consumed/turnover)		
Water intensity (Optional) - the relevant metric may be	-	
selected by the entity		
Water discharge by destination	on and level of treatment	
(i) Into Surface water	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
- With treatment - please specify level of treatment	-	-
(ii) Into Groundwater	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
<ul> <li>With treatment - please specify level of treatment</li> </ul>	-	-
(iii) Into Seawater	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
- With treatment - please specify level of treatment	-	-



(in million liters)

Parameter	FY 2023	FY 2022
r dunieter		(Previous Financial Year)
(iv) Sent to third-parties	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
- With treatment - please specify level of treatment	-	-
(v) Others	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
- With treatment - please specify level of treatment	761	668
- To ETP (treated) and reused in plants		
Total water discharged	761	668

**Note:** Indicate if any independent assessment/evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency

Yes, DQS (Deutsch Quality Systems India Private Limited)

#### 4. Please provide details of total Scope 3 emissions & its intensity, in the following format:

Parameter	units	FY 2023	FY 2022
		(Current Financial Year)	(Previous Financial Year)
Total Scope 3 emissions	Metric tonnes	581,930	580,419
(Break-up of the GHG into $CO_2$ , $CH_4$ ,	of CO <sub>2</sub>		
$N_2O$ , HFCs, PFCs, SF <sub>6</sub> , NF <sub>3</sub> , if available)	equivalent		
Total Scope 3 emissions per rupee of turnover		4.61	5.48
Total Scope 3 emission intensity (optional)	Grams of	140.47	155.67
- the relevant metric may be selected by	CO <sub>2</sub> e/liter		
the entity			

**Note:** Indicate if any independent assessment/evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency

Yes, DQS (Deutsch Quality Systems India Private Limited)

5. With respect to the ecologically sensitive areas reported at Question 10 of Essential Indicators above, provide details of significant direct & indirect impact of the entity on biodiversity in such areas along-with prevention and remediation activities.

Not Applicable

6. If the entity has undertaken any specific initiatives or used innovative technology or solutions to improve resource efficiency, or reduce impact due to emissions/effluent discharge/waste generated, please provide details of the same as well as outcome of such initiatives, as per the following format:

Sr. No.	Initiative undertaken	Details of the initiative (Web-link, if any, may	Outcome of the initiative
		be provided along-with summary)	
1	Plastic Waste	Engaged Gem Enviro Management Pvt. Ltd	Reduction in plastic waste
	Management	for phased implementation (upto 100%)	
		recycling of used Plastic Wastes from end	
		users.	
2	Water Conservation	Engaged DQS India Pvt. Ltd which verifies	Reduction in wastage of
		water mass balance and we also undertook	water
		several other initiatives towards water	
		conservation and water recharge.	
3	Reduced grammage	Packaging innovations introduced by PIH in	Reduction in plastic usage
	of Plastic Closures and	India through Global R&D and best practices.	
	Preforms (used for	forms (used for	
	PET-Bottles) over the years		

Sr. No.	Initiative undertaken	Details of the initiative (Web-link, if any, may	Outcome of the initiative
		be provided along-with summary)	
4	Use of fuels like biomass for steam generation, usage of Solar Energy	The company is proactive in adopting new technologies that use cleaner fuels of energy. Commissioned a solar power at its manufacturing plant at Nuh and Greater Noida and redesigned the power generation units at many locations.	Reduction in Green House Gases
5	Installation of Effluent Treatment Plant	Plants have installed online monitoring Systems in Effluent Treatment Plant as well as Boiler emissions for all time compliance which is being monitored by CPCB on real time basis.	Effluents are treated and discharged under prescribed limits thereby remain well within the prescribed norms and consent conditions.

#### 7. Does the entity have a business continuity and disaster management plan?

Yes; Unit does have Disaster/Emergency preparedness and response plan for business continuity. This includes all possible emergencies like Fire, Ammonia or  $CO_2$  leakage, any major safety accidents, Chemical leakage, Natural Calamity (flood, cyclone, earthquake) or pandemic situation like Covid 19. To ensure unit readiness plant is also exercising mock drill on six monthly frequency. In past unit has also successfully demonstrated to respond any emergency situation. Such one example is to ensure business continuity during Covid times by implementing effective control mechanism to avoid Covid 19 spread. Unit has successfully operated production during pandemic time by adapting all the established measures.

## 8. Disclose any significant adverse impact to the environment, arising from the value chain of the entity. What mitigation or adaptation measures have been taken by the entity in this regard.

In order to continously reduce the Company environment footprint, the company is improving efficiencies, especially on critical resources such as Water, fuel and energy, optimizing the resource consumption and minimising wastages, increasing green cover in manufacturing plants and also developing outside establishments. Company also reduced weight of Closures and Preforms over the years to contribute towards environment sustainability. Company also implemented water consumption optimization measures and water recovery and reuse of the water across all plants.

9. Percentage of value chain partners (by value of business done with such partners) that were assessed for environmental impacts.

90%+ of Raw material suppliers, 90%+ of Capex suppliers and 90% of Distributors are covered for assessment

## PRINCIPLE 7: Businesses, when engaging in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a manner that is responsible and transparent

#### **Essential Indicators**

1. a. Number of affiliations with trade and industry chambers/associations.

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b. List the top 10 trade and industry chambers/associations (determined based on the total members of such body) the entity is a member of/affiliated to.

Sr. No.	Name of the trade and industry chambers/associations	Reach of trade and industry chambers/ associations (State/National)
1	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry	National
2	PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry	National
3	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	National
4	The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India	National
5	Action Alliance for Recycling Beverage Cartons	National

2. Provide details of corrective action taken or underway on any issues related to anti-competitive conduct by the entity, based on adverse orders from regulatory authorities.

Not Applicable



### PRINCIPLE 8: Businesses should promote inclusive growth and equitable development

**Essential Indicators** 

1. Details of Social Impact Assessments (SIA) of projects undertaken by the entity based on applicable laws, in the current financial year.

Name and brief details of project	SIA Notification No.	Date of notification	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes/No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes/No)	Relevant Web Link
Not Applicable					

2. Provide information on project(s) for which ongoing Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) is being undertaken by your entity, in the following format:

S.No.	Name of Project for which R&R is ongoing	State	District	No. of Project Affected Families (PAFs)	% of PAFs covered by R&R	Amounts paid to PAFs n the FY (In ₹)
Not Applicable						

3. Describe the mechanisms to receive and redress grievances of the community.

There is regular engagement with representatives from key neighbourhood across India. Stakeholders suggestions can also be emailed to the Compliance Officer at complianceofficer@rjcorp.in

#### 4. Percentage of input material (inputs to total inputs by value) sourced from suppliers:

	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)
Directly sourced from MSMEs/small producers	6.66 %	5.70 %
Sourced directly from within the district and neighbouring districts	NA	NA

#### 5. Details of beneficiaries of CSR Projects:

Sr. No.	CSR Project	No. of persons benefitted from CSR Projects	% of beneficiaries from vulnerable and marginalised groups	
1	Community Health Care under Aaru Clinics	110,000+	100 % of the Projects serve the	
2	Education to under privileged children under the programme-Shiksha Kendra	2,422	beneficiaries who are from the under privileged, marginalised, vulnerable and backward	
3	Skills development training under the programme-Parvah	1,010	community of the society	
4	Facilities Old age and underprivileged	Cannot be ascertained		
5	Animal Welfare	Cannot be ascertained		
6	Gender Equality	Cannot be ascertained		
7	Environmental sustainability and Water management Initiatives	Cannot be ascertained		
8	Eradicating Hunger	Cannot be ascertained		

## PRINCIPLE 9: Businesses should engage with and provide value to their consumers in a responsible manner Essential Indicators

#### 1. Describe the mechanisms in place to receive and respond to consumer complaints and feedback

VBL Consumer response programme is developed to promptly resolve consumer concerns & grievances, which ensures that consumer/customer is responded with courtesy and in timely manner. The Mechanism helps the organization to remain consumer centric, establish top down approach to build trust and strengthen transparency while addressing their queries and concerns:

The Complaints are lodged by consumer (via Toll Free no. available on label & crown), arranged and sorted by the PepsiCo Consumer Response System (CRS) representative who then, forwards the same to VBL after logging in on Wilke portal. VBL Plant team & Consumer Care/Complaint Management System (CCMS) coordinator review auto generated email containing relevant details of the Complaint which are then investigated by VBL Plant team, Regional Quality Coordinator (RQC) & CCMS coordinator and the complaint is attended by Customer Relationship Executive (CRE) to address the concern simultaneously. After detailed analysis of each reported complaints by all the plants root cause analysis is carried out and Corrective and Preventive Actions are taken by plant team.

Plants then, initiate an improvement plan to mitigate reoccurrence of concern and to pacify & satisfy the consumer.

#### Feedback:

Feedback is sent to PepsiCo CRS team by CCMS coordinator and Pepsi International (PI) Team connects & respond to consumer, subsequently on SOS basis.

The Complaints in VBL are tracked and reviewed monthly on the basis of it's nature, flavour, category and plant

## 2. Turnover of products and/services as a percentage of turnover from all products/service that carry information about:

We provide these information on the labels of our products like 'crush bottle after use', recycable package mark, throw in dustbin mark, safe and responsible use instructions on energy drink (Sting), etc.

	As a percentage to total turnover
Environmental and social parameters relevant to the product	100%
Safe and responsible usage	100%
Recycling and/or safe disposal	100%

#### 3. Number of consumer complaints in respect of the following:

	FY 2023 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022 (Previous Financial Year)		
	Received during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks	Received during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks
Data privacy	NIL	N.A	-	NIL	N.A	-
Advertising	NIL	N.A	-	NIL	N.A	-
Cyber-security	NIL	N.A	-	NIL	N.A	-
Delivery of Essential Services	NIL	N.A	-	NIL	N.A	-
Restrictive Trade Practices	NIL	N.A	-	NIL	N.A	-
Unfair Trade Practices	NIL	N.A	-	NIL	N.A	-
Other - No. of complaints	1,223	17	-	1,109	10	-
received through PepsiCo						
Customer Care						

#### 4. Details of instances of product recalls on account of safety issues:

	Number	Reasons for Recall
Voluntary recalls	NA	NA
Forced recalls	NA	NA



- 5. Does the entity have a framework/policy on cyber security and risks related to data privacy? (Yes/No) If available, provide a web-link of the policy. Yes, https://varunbeverages.com/privacy
- 6. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway on issues relating to advertising, and delivery of essential services; cyber security and data privacy of customers; re-occurrence of instances of product recalls; penalty/action taken by regulatory authorities on safety of products/services.

#### Leadership Indicators

1. Channels/platforms where information on products and services of the entity can be accessed (provide web link, if available).

https://www.pepsicoindia.co.in/our-brands

2. Steps taken to inform and educate consumers about safe and responsible usage of products and/or services. https://www.pepsico.com/docs/default-source/sustainability-and-esg-topics/pepsico-policy-on-responsibl e-advertising-and-marketing-to-children.pdf.