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दिनांक / Dated..... 04 DEC 2025.....

To,
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
Udyog Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 011

Subject: **Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the accounts of National Institute of Design, Jorhat, Assam, for the year 2024-25.**

Sir,

I am to forward herewith the Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the accounts of National Institute of Design, Jorhat, Assam, for the year 2024-25. A copy of the Annual Accounts of National Institute of Design, Jorhat, Assam, for the year 2024-25 is also enclosed.

Action may please be taken for placing the same before both the Houses of the Parliament. The date on which the SAR is placed before the Parliament (both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) may please be communicated to this office. The Director of National Institute of Design, Jorhat, Assam has been requested to send the Hindi version of the SAR and Annual Accounts to the Ministry.

Receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Encl: As stated

(Biren Dineshchandra Parmar)
Director General of Audit (Mines & Coal),
Kolkata

Copy along with a copy of the Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the year 2024-25 is forwarded to the Director of National Institute of Design, Jorhat, Assam, Tocklai, Rajabari, Jorhat-785014, Assam for information and necessary action.

Hindi Version of the SAR and the Annual Accounts may please be prepared and submitted to the Ministry for further action.

Encl: As stated



(Biren Dineshchandra Parmar)
Director General of Audit (Mines & Coal),
Kolkata

Opinion of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts of National Institute of Design, Assam for the year ended 31 March 2025

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of National Institute of Design, Assam which comprise the statement of financial position (Balance Sheet) as at 31 March 2025 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies under Section 19 (2) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers & Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 25 of the National Institute of Design Act, 2014.

This Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards, disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions regarding compliance with the Law, Rules and Regulations (Propriety & Regularity) and efficiency cum performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through inspection reports/ CAG's audit reports separately.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements of National Institute of Design, Assam, read together with the accounting policies and Notes thereon and other matters mentioned in the Separate Audit Report, which follows, give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Institute as at March 31, 2025, and (of) its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with format of accounts applicable to the Institute/accounting standards generally accepted in India.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Matter giving rise to the modification- Audit could not vouchsafe the classification/categorization and valuation of its Fixed Assets (including land), as at 31 March 2025, amounting to ₹127.58 crore, additions/sales/adjustments made during the year and accumulated depreciation charged on them due to Institute not having proper and detailed records for them including their unit rates, quantity, total value and their place/location. The above issue is being raised since 2022-23, however, no corrective action has been taken by the management.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the CAG's auditing regulations/standards manuals/guidelines/guidance-notes/orders/circulars etc. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Institute in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion

Responsibilities of Management for the financial statements

The management of the Institute is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with format of accounts applicable to the Institute/accounting standards generally accepted in India, and for internal control as management determines it necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion in accordance with CAG's auditing regulations/standards/manuals/guidelines/guidance-notes/orders/circulars etc.

For and on behalf of the CAG of India



(Biren Dineshchandra Parmar)

Director General of Audit (Mines & Coal),

Kolkata

Place: Kolkata

Date: 04 DEC 2025

Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of National Institute of Design, Assam for the year ended 31 March 2025

A. Balance Sheet

Capital Fund and Liabilities

(1) Earmarked Funds ₹ Nil (Schedule-2)

The above does not include grant of ₹10.47 crore received for specific purpose i.e. construction of hostel which as per the Uniform format of Accounts applicable to Central Autonomous Bodies should have been booked as Earmarked Funds. However, the same has been instead credited to Capital Fund by ₹10.32 crore & Grants and Contributions by ₹0.15 crore.

This has resulted in understatement of Earmarked Funds by ₹10.47 crore and overstatement of Capital Fund by ₹10.32 crore & Grants and Contributions by ₹ 0.15 crore.

(2) Current Liabilities ₹ 5.05 crore (Schedule-5)

The above includes an amount of ₹ 0.24 crore booked against un-invoked Bank Guarantees which could not have been recognized in the Books without them being invoked.

It resulted in overstatement of Current Liabilities and Current Assets, Loans, Advances, Etc. by ₹ 0.24 crore.

B. Accounting Policies

Significant Accounting Policies of the Institute does not prescribe actuarial valuation for liability towards gratuity for regular employees inspite of the Institute having regular employees on it roll for long and National Institute of Design, Assam (Form of Annual Statement of Accounts) Rules, 2020 prescribing the booking of liability towards gratuity based on actuarial valuation. Resultantly, Institute has neither carried out any actuarial valuation for liability towards gratuity nor provided for the same in the books.

The Significant Accounting policy is deficient to that extent. Also the liability towards gratuity is understated to the extent not booked (Audit could not quantify it due to absence of necessary details) & Income and Expenditure Account is overstated by the same amount.

C. General

Audit could not vouchsafe the classification/categorization and valuation of its Fixed Assets (including land), as at 31 March 2025, amounting to ₹127.58 crore, additions/sales/adjustments made during the year and accumulated depreciation charged on them due to Institute not having proper and detailed records for them including their unit rates, quantity, total value and their place/location.

The above issue is being raised since 2022-23, however, no corrective action has been taken by the management.

D. Management Letter

Deficiencies which have not been included in this Separate Audit Report have been brought to the notice of the Management through a Management Letter issued separately for remedial/corrective action.

E. Assessment of Internal Controls

- (i) **Adequacy of Internal Control System:** The internal control system needs to be strengthened in view of the following:
- Old pending liabilities being carried forward in the books for long need to be reviewed and accounted for accordingly.
 - During 2024-25, Governing Council had only two meetings as against the mandated four meetings.
- (ii) **Adequacy of Internal Audit System:** The internal audit of the Institute for the year 2024-25 was carried out by a Chartered Accountant firm. The Internal Audit System of the Institute was found to be adequate.
- (iii) **System of Physical verification of fixed assets:** The physical verification of fixed assets of the Institute was carried out during the year 2024-25, however, in view of there being no proper details of fixed assets with the Institute (as detailed above), the same could not be vouched safe by Audit.
- (iv) **System of Physical verification of inventory:** Institute does not have any inventory as on 31 March 2025.
- (v) **Regularity in payment of statutory dues:** Institute is regular in depositing undisputed statutory dues applicable to it.

F. Grants in aid

During the year 2024-25, Institute received ₹16.52 crore as grants. The Opening Balance of grants and interest earned during the year totaled ₹11.67 crore. However, the Institute could not utilize all the sum leaving unspent amount of amount of ₹2.63 crore as on 31 March 2025.