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Cohesive e-waste movement

FAQS FOR KARO SAMBHAV BULK CONSUMER PROGRAMME

A Capacity and Leadership Building Initiative for Bulk Consumers

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS KARO SAMBHAV?

Karo Sambhav is a tech-enabled, environmentally beneficial and socially responsible e-waste Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO). We have set-up an India-wide transformative solution on e-waste management with the aim of making recycling a way of life.

We make it possible for people and institutions to responsibly recycle their electronic waste by ensuring that each and every part of the value chain gives the best results.

The fundamental objectives of Karo Sambhav are to work together with electronic producers to:

- Keep obsolete or discarded electronic products out of landfills
- Optimise the recovery of resources from electronic products or their components
- Develop a globally harmonised and locally relevant system for responsible e-waste management in India

We partner with industry associations, pollution control boards, state IT departments, municipal corporations, NGOs, informal sector waste pickers, collectors & aggregators, and responsible recyclers across India.

International Finance Corporation (IFC, part of The World Bank group) has partnered with us for a pan-India project on the development and implementation of a PRO solution for the industry. For more information visit www.karosambhav.com

2. WHO IS A BULK CONSUMER?

As per the E-waste (Management) Rules 2016, a 'bulk consumer' means bulk users of electrical and electronic equipment such as Central Government or State Government Departments, public sector undertakings, banks, educational institutions, multinational organisations, international agencies, partnership and public or private companies that are registered under the Factories Act, 1948 (63 of 1948) and the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) and health care facilities which have turnover of more than one crore or have more than twenty employees.

3. IS IT NECESSARY FOR BULK CONSUMERS TO CONNECT WITH A PRO?

Under the E-waste rules, bulk consumers can manage their e-waste either individually or through a Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO). In case of managing their waste individually, producer may face some challenges like lesser resource efficiency and dealing with collection and monitoring reports individually.

Through a PRO, a bulk consumer gets 100% assurance that its e-waste will be handled, dismantled and recycled in an environmentally sound and socially responsible way while making use of the best available

technology in the market. Also, it is more resource efficient and the PRO takes care of all collection, monitoring and filing related compliance of the bulk consumer.

4. IS IT MANDATORY FOR BULK CONSUMERS TO HAVE A GST NUMBER?

GST registration is now mandatory for all those whose turnover in a financial year exceeds INR 20 (twenty) lakhs. In most cases the bulk consumer would be registered under the GST. Where they are not, it must be conveyed to them that they must get a GST number soon and till then Karo Sambhav will generate invoices in reverse charge.

5. HOW WILL PAYMENTS BE MADE TO BULK CONSUMERS' E-WASTE SALE?

All payments under the Karo Sambhav Bulk Consumer programme for e-waste collection, transportation and recycling will be done via the Karo Sambhav app. Invoices will be generated at point of each transaction for the parties concerned and amounts will be reimbursed in their accounts at the **end of each month.**

6. ARE THERE ANY SANCTIONS FOR THE BULK CONSUMERS IF THEY DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE E-WASTE RULES?

E-waste (Management) Rules 2016 are framed under the Environment Protection Act 1986. Penalties for non-compliance are listed in Section 15-17 of the Act as below:

- Failure to comply is punishable with imprisonment of up to 5 years or with fine up to INR 1 lakh rupees, or with both
- After the conviction of first failure, if such failure continues then for every day during such failure fine may extend to INR 5000

7. WILL THE PRO ALSO COLLECT SMALLER QUANTITIES OF WASTE FROM BULK CONSUMERS?

Yes! By coming on board with Karo Sambhav, bulk consumers get the benefit of having a constant source of managing their e-waste – even in smaller quantities. Karo Sambhav works for the top international brands and hence by working with Karo, bulk consumers enhance credibility of their recycling certificates. Furthermore, Karo Sambhav also assists them in filing their annual returns and remain compliant under the E-waste Rules.