

Monitoring Agency Report



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No. CARE/HO/GEN/2023-24/1019

Audit Committee

Bajaj Finance Limited

3rd Floor, Panchshil Tech Park,
Plot 43/1, 43/2,44/2, Viman Nagar
Pune – 411 014, Maharashtra, India

January 29, 2024

Dear Sir,

Monitoring Agency Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2023 - in relation to the Qualified Institutions Placement of Bajaj Finance Limited ("the Company")

We write in our capacity as Monitoring Agency for the Qualified Institutions Placement of 1,21,04,539 equity shares aggregating to Rs. 8,800.00 crore of the Company and refer to our duties cast under Regulation 173A of the Securities & Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018.

In this connection, we are enclosing the Monitoring Agency Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2023, as per aforesaid SEBI Regulations and Monitoring Agency Agreement dated November 03, 2023.

Request you to kindly take the same on records.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

Geeta Chainani

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Associate Director

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Report of the Monitoring Agency

Name of the issuer: Bajaj Finance Limited

For quarter ended: December 31, 2023

Name of the Monitoring Agency: CARE Ratings Limited

(a) Deviation from the objects: Nil

(b) Range of Deviation: Not Applicable

Declaration:

We declare that this report provides an objective view of the utilization of the issue proceeds in relation to the objects of the issue based on the information provided by the Issuer and information obtained from sources believed by it to be accurate and reliable. The MA does not perform an audit and undertakes no independent verification of any information/ certifications/ statements it receives. This Report is not intended to create any legally binding obligations on the MA which accepts no responsibility, whatsoever, for loss or damage from the use of the said information. The views and opinions expressed herein do not constitute the opinion of MA to deal in any security of the Issuer in any manner whatsoever. Nothing mentioned in this report is intended to or should be construed as creating a fiduciary relationship between the MA and any issuer or between the agency and any user of this report. The MA and its affiliates also do not act as an expert as defined under Section 2(38) of the Companies Act, 2013.

The MA or its affiliates may have a credit rating or other commercial transactions with the entity to which the report pertains and may receive separate compensation for its ratings and certain credit related analyses. We confirm that there is no conflict of interest in such relationship/interest while monitoring and reporting the utilization of the issue proceeds by the issuer, or while undertaking credit rating or other commercial transactions with the entity.

We have submitted the report herewith in line with the format prescribed by SEBI, capturing our comments, where applicable. There are certain sections of the report under the title "Comments of the Board of Directors", that shall be captured by the Issuer's Management / Audit Committee of the Board of Directors subsequent to the MA submitting their report to the issuer and before dissemination of the report through stock exchanges. These sections have not been reviewed by the MA, and the MA takes no responsibility for such comments of the issuer's Management/Board.

Geeta Chainani

Signature:

Name and designation of the Authorized Signatory: Geeta Chainani

Designation of Authorized person/Signing Authority: Associate Director

1) Issuer Details:

Name of the issuer : Bajaj Finance Limited
Name of the promoter : Bajaj Finserv Limited
Industry/sector to which it belongs : Non-Banking Financial Company

2) Issue Details

Issue Period : November 06, 2023, to November 09, 2023
Type of issue (public/rights) : Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP)
Type of specified securities : Equity shares
IPO Grading, if any : Not applicable
Issue size (in Rs. crore) : Rs. 8,800.00 crore (Note 1)

Note 1:

Particulars	Remarks
Total shares issued and subscribed as part of QIP issue	1,21,04,539
Total proceeds received under QIP issue (in Rs. crore)	8,800.00
Details of expenses incurred related to QIP Issue * (in Rs. crore)	Nil
Net proceeds available for utilization (in Rs. crore)	8,800.00

* Expenses related to the issue (stamp duty and agency fees) were borne separately by Bajaj Finance. Hence, gross proceeds are equal to net proceeds.

3) Details of the arrangement made to ensure the monitoring of issue proceeds:

Particulars	Reply	Source of information / certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors
Whether all utilization is as per the disclosures in the Offer Document?	Yes, the utilization has been made as per Offer Document.	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Bank statements	Yes. Company has utilized the proceeds as per the placement document.	The Board of Directors noted that there are no deviations, and the funds were utilised for the purpose stated in the offer document and notice sent to the shareholders.
Whether shareholder approval has been obtained in case of material deviations# from expenditures disclosed in the Offer Document?	There are no deviations from the expenditures disclosed in the Offer Document. Hence no approval is required	Not applicable	Not applicable	NA
Whether the means of finance for the disclosed objects of the issue have changed?	There is no change in the means of finance for disclosed objects.	Not applicable	No	NA

Particulars	Reply	Source of information / certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors
Is there any major deviation observed over the earlier monitoring agency reports?	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	NA
Whether all Government/statutory approvals related to the object(s) have been obtained?	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	NA
Whether all arrangements pertaining to technical assistance/collaboration are in operation?	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Nil
Are there any favorable/unfavorable events affecting the viability of these object(s)?	There are no events affecting the viability of these objects.	Not applicable	No	Nil
Is there any other relevant information that may materially affect the decision making of the investors?	There is no relevant information that may affect the decision making of the investor	Not applicable	No	Nil

* As per Chartered Accountant certificate from B K Kothari & Associates LLP Chartered Accountants dated January 06, 2024

Where material deviation may be defined to mean:

- Deviation in the objects or purposes for which the funds have raised.
- Deviation in the amount of funds utilized by more than 10% of the amount projected in the offer documents.

4) Details of objects to be monitored:

(i) Cost of objects –

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Sr. No	Item Head	Source of information / certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Original cost (as per the Offer Document) in Rs. Crore	Revised Cost in Rs. Crore	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors		
						Reason for cost revision	Proposed financing option	Particulars of firm arrangements made
1	Repayment of loans, commercial papers, non-convertible debentures, and interest payment thereof maturing post allotment of Equity Shares under this Issue	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Bank statements, Offer Document	7,040.00	NA	The gross proceeds have been utilised in accordance with the objects of the issue.	Nil	Nil	Nil

2	General corporate purposes (GCP)#	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Bank statements, Offer Document	1,760.00	NA			Nil	Nil	Nil
Total			8,800.00						

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Utilized towards disbursement of loans and expense related payments to various vendors/parties

(ii) Progress in the objects –

Sr. No	Item Head	Source of information / certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Amount as proposed in the Offer Document in Rs. Crore	Amount utilised in Rs. Crore			Unutilised amount in Rs. Crore	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors	
				As at beginning of the quarter in Rs. Crore	During the quarter in Rs. Crore	At the end of the quarter in Rs. Crore			Reasons for idle funds	Proposed course of action
1	Repayment of loans, commercial papers, non-convertible debentures, and interest payment thereof maturing post allotment of Equity Shares under this Issue	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Bank statements, Offer Document	7,040.00	-	7,047.95^	-	0	Gross proceeds have been fully utilised in accordance with the objects of the issue	Nil	Nil
2	General corporate purposes (GCP)	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Bank statements, Offer Document	1,760.00	-	1,760.19§	-	0		Nil	Nil
Total			8,800.00		8,808.14	-	0			

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^ Company has earned an interest of Rs. 7.96 crore from the funds deployed in overnight mutual funds (in accordance with interim utilisation of proceeds) and the same has been utilised towards debt repayment in accordance with the objects.

§ Company has earned an interest of Rs. 0.1980 crore from the funds deployed in overnight mutual funds (in accordance with interim utilisation of proceeds) and the same has been utilised towards general corporate purposes. Under GCP the utilization is towards disbursement of loans and expense related payments to various vendors/parties

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(iii) Deployment of unutilized QIP issue proceeds: Not Applicable, since QIP proceeds have been fully utilized between November 11, 2023, to November 26, 2023.

(iv) Delay in implementation of the object(s):

Objects	Completion Date		Delay (no. of days/months)	Comments of the Board of Directors	
	As per the offer document	Actual		Reason of delay	Proposed course of action
Repayment of loans, commercial papers, non-convertible debentures, and interest payment thereof maturing post allotment of Equity Shares under this Issue	September 30, 2024	November 26, 2023	NA	Nil	Nil
General corporate purposes (GCP)	September 30, 2024	November 26, 2023	NA	Nil	Nil

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5) Details of utilization of proceeds stated as General Corporate Purpose (GCP) amount in the offer document:

Sr. No	Item Head	Amount in Rs. Crore	Source of information / certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Comments of Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors
1	Business Disbursement and Expense related payments to various vendors/parties	1,759.99#	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Bank statements, Offer Document	The proceeds have been utilised in accordance with the objects of the issue.	The Board of Directors noted that there are no deviations, and the funds were utilised for the purpose stated in the offer document and notice sent to the shareholders.

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Actual utilization is of Rs. 1,760.19 crore inclusive of the interest earned from the funds deployed in overnight mutual funds (in accordance with interim utilisation of proceeds).