

## Greetings!!!

Corporate governance is the system of rules, practices and processes by which companies are directed and controlled. Board of directors are responsible for the governance of their companies. The shareholders' role in governance is to appoint the directors and the auditors and to satisfy themselves that an appropriate governance structure is in place. Since corporate governance also provides the framework for attaining company's objectives, it encompasses practically every sphere of management, from action plan and internal control to performance measurement and corporate disclosure.

Transparency in corporate governance is essential for the growth, profitability and stability of any business or organization. The need for good corporate governance has intensified due to growing competition amongst businesses in all economic sectors at the national, as well as international level.

The **Indian Companies Act of 2013** introduced some progressive and transparent processes which benefit stakeholders, directors as well as the management of companies. Corporate advisory services are offered by advisory firms to efficiently manage the activities of companies to ensure stability and growth of the business, maintain the reputation and reliability for customers and clients. Corporate governance ensures strict and efficient application of management practices along with legal compliance in the continually changing business scenario in India.

Corporate governance was also guided by Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement before introduction of the Companies Act of 2013. As per the new provision, SEBI has approved certain amendments in the Listing Agreement so as to improve the transparency in transactions of listed companies and giving a bigger say to minority stakeholders in influencing the decisions of management.

Global opportunities and growth mean global corporate governance responsibilities. New levels of accountability have elevated the concerns at board level of ensuring that effective, robust and reliable governance and compliance tools are in place and being utilized.

Effective monitoring of actions under the policy on Corporate Governance by the Board of Directors will enhance the organization's capabilities as well as promote healthy competition and ensure sustainable development, both in the short and long term, by

providing assurance to investors, financial institutions and business partners. This will in turn lead to increased value to shareholders, as well as to other stakeholders in terms of social and environmental aspects.

Accounting is one of the beneficial tools of corporate governance and the gatekeeper of governance and financial reporting. Through accurate, thorough and honest accounting, organizations can make wise decisions about investment, growth and operations. Cost and Management Accountants help company leaders to manage money, prioritize and take concrete financial action.

Corporate Governance is concerned with holding the balance between economic and social goals. The Corporate Governance Framework is there to encourage the efficient use of resources and focuses on the ethical practices of the business and the responsiveness of an organization to its stakeholders and the environment in which it operates. E-Governance is basically effective and efficient utilization of the information technology and telecommunications in effectively monitoring the performance and functioning of an organization. In the corporate sector, this would mean the efficient, transparent and convenient services for the betterment of corporation and to secure efficiencies in the regulations and stakeholders' participation in corporate decision making.

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