#### **Grievance Handling Policy**

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear and fair procedure for employees, contractors, or stakeholders to raise workplace grievances, and to ensure that all complaints are addressed promptly, impartially, and confidentially.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All employees (permanent, temporary, trainees, apprentices, and contract workers).
- Vendors, contractors, and third-party service providers interacting with the organization.

## Grievances may relate to:

- Workplace harassment, discrimination, or unfair treatment.
- Working conditions, wages, and benefits.
- Health, safety, or human rights concerns.
- Violation of company policies, ethical concerns, or misconduct.
- Any other matter impacting dignity, fairness, or workplace well-being.

#### 3. Objectives

- To provide a structured platform for raising concerns without fear of retaliation.
- To resolve grievances fairly, transparently, and at the earliest possible stage.
- To strengthen trust and communication between employees and management.

#### 4. Responsibilities

- **Employee:** Raise grievance in good faith with accurate information.
- **Supervisor/Manager:** Listen, document, and attempt to resolve grievances at department level.
- **HR Department:** Ensure fair investigation, maintain confidentiality, and document outcomes.
- **Grievance Committee:** Review unresolved or serious cases and recommend corrective action.
- Management: Approve corrective actions and ensure non-retaliation.

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# 5. Procedure for Grievance Handling

### Step 1: Raising the Grievance

- Employee reports grievance verbally or in writing to immediate supervisor/HR.
- In cases of harassment, discrimination, or misconduct by supervisor, the employee may directly approach HR or the Grievance Committee.

#### Step 2: Acknowledgement

• The grievance will be acknowledged within 3 working days of receipt.

#### **Step 3: Preliminary Resolution (Department Level)**

- Supervisor/Manager attempts to resolve the issue informally within 7 working days.
- If unresolved, the case is escalated to HR.

## **Step 4: Formal Investigation (HR/Grievance Committee)**

- HR or the Grievance Committee will conduct interviews, review evidence, and gather facts.
- The investigation must be completed within 15 working days.

### **Step 5: Decision & Corrective Action**

- Findings are documented and shared with concerned parties.
- Corrective actions may include counseling, mediation, training, disciplinary measures, or policy changes.

### Step 6: Appeal Process

- If the employee is not satisfied, an appeal may be made to the senior management within **7 working days** of the decision.
- The appeal decision will be final.

#### 6. Confidentiality

- All grievances will be handled with strict confidentiality.
- Information will only be shared with individuals directly involved in resolution.

## 7. Non-Retaliation

• Employees will not face any retaliation for raising a genuine grievance.



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• Retaliation itself will be treated as a serious misconduct.

# 8. Record Keeping

- HR will maintain a **Grievance Register** with details of complaints, investigations, and resolutions.
- Records will be kept for at least 2 years or as required by law.

# 9. Review of Policy

This policy shall be reviewed **every 2 years** or earlier if required due to changes in laws or organizational needs.

Approved By