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**Tel. No.:** +91 22 6980 1700/01, **CIN:** L15139MH1984PLC316003

Date: November 12, 2025

To,

The General Manager

**Department of Corporate Services** 

**BSE Limited** 

Floor 25, P. J. Towers, Dalal Street,

Mumbai- 400 001

Tel: (022) 2272 1233 / 34 Company Scrip Code: 519126 To,

The Manager,

National Stock Exchange of India Limited,

Listing Department,

Exchange Plaza, C-1, Block G,

Bandra Kurla Complex,

Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 070

Company Symbol: HNDFDS

Dear Sir /Madam,

#### Sub.: Monitoring Agency Report for the Quarter ended September 30, 2025

Pursuant to Regulation 32(6) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, read with Regulation 162A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2018, We are enclosing herewith the Monitoring Agency report for the Quarter ended September 30, 2025, issued by CARE Ratings Limited on dated November 12, 2025, the Monitoring Agency, appointed to monitor the utilization of proceeds of the Preferential issue of 67,39,072 Convertible Warrants of the Company, which was duly reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee.

We request you to take the above on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For HINDUSTAN FOODS LIMITED

Bankim Purohit Company Secretary and Legal Head ACS 21865

Encl.: As above



# **Monitoring Agency Report**



No. CARE/HO/GEN/2025-26/1179
The Board of Directors
Hindustan Foods Limited
Level two, The Centrium,
Phoenix Market City, LBS Marg,
Kurla (W), Mumbai 400070

November 12, 2025

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

# Monitoring Agency Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2025 - in relation to the preferential issue of convertible equity share warrants of Hindustan Foods Limited ("the Company")

We write in our capacity of Monitoring Agency for the preferential issue of convertible equity share warrants for the amount aggregating to Rs. 399.99 crore of the Company and refer to our duties cast under Regulation 162A of the Securities & Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations.

In this connection, we are enclosing the Monitoring Agency Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2025 as per aforesaid SEBI Regulations and Monitoring Agency Agreement dated September 26, 2023.

Request you to kindly take the same on records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Raunak Modi

**Assistant Director** 

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**Report of the Monitoring Agency** 

Name of the issuer: Hindustan Foods Limited For quarter ended: September 30, 2025

Name of the Monitoring Agency: CARE Ratings Limited

(a) Deviation from the objects: Nil

(b) Range of Deviation: Nil

**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

The MA or its affiliates may have 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.

Signature

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Name and designation of the Authorized Signatory: Raunak Modi Designation of Authorized person/Signing Authority: Assistant Director

act as an expert as defined under Section 2(38) of the Companies Act, 2013.



#### 1) Issuer Details:

Name of the issuer : Hindustan Foods Limited

Name of the promoter : Vanity case India Private Limited, Mr. Shrinivas V Dempo, Mr. Sameer R Kothari, Ms Asha Kothari, Soiru Dempo Management

Holding Private Limited, V S Dempo Holdings Private Limited

Industry/sector to which it belongs : Contract Manufacturing/FMCG

2) Issue Details

Issue Period : 18 months from date of allotment
Type of issue (public/rights) : Preferential issue of warrants

Type of specified securities : Warrants convertible into equity shares

IPO Grading, if any : Not Applicable Issue size (in crore) : Rs. 399.99 crore

### 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	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Form PAS-4, Management confirmation, Board Resolution dated June 18, 2025, shareholders resolution dated Sept 23, 2025, bank statements	The company had revised the total cost of objects to Rs. 377.50 crore (gross proceeds) from Rs. 399.99 crore vide board resolution dated June 18, 2025 due to cancellation of 5,32,009 warrants owing to non-exercise of conversion option by investor. Subsequently, the cost of objects has been further amended, vide shareholders resolution dated September 23, 2025, by reclassifying Rs. 50.00 crore between objects. All proceeds have been utilized as per the offer document and revised cost of objects as approved by the board and shareholders.	No Comments
Whether shareholder approval has been obtained in case of material deviations# from expenditures disclosed in the Offer Document?	Not Applicable	Not applicable	Nil	No Comments





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 the means of finance for the disclosed objects of the issue have changed?	Yes	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Form PAS-4, Management confirmation, Board Resolution dated June 18, 2025, Shareholders resolution dated Sept 23, 2025	The company had revised the total cost of objects to Rs. 377.50 crore (gross proceeds) from Rs. 399.99 crore vide board resolution dated June 18, 2025 due to cancellation of 5,32,009 warrants owing to non-exercise of conversion option by investor. Subsequently, the cost of objects has been further amended, vide shareholders resolution dated September 23, 2025, by reclassifying Rs. 50 crore between objects.	No Comments
Is there any major deviation observed over the earlier monitoring agency reports?	No	Previous MA report for the quarter ending June 30, 2025 dated August 08, 2025	Nil	No Comments
Whether all Government/statutory approvals related to the object(s) have been obtained?	Yes	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Management confirmation	The MA has not been able to independently verify the government/statutory approvals obtained by the company and has relied on the CA Certificate and management confirmation.	No Comments
Whether all arrangements pertaining to technical assistance/collaboration are in operation?	Not applicable	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Management confirmation	Nil	No Comments
Are there any favorable/unfavorable events affecting the viability of these object(s)?	Yes	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Management confirmation	The company cancelled 5,32,009 warrants due to non-exercise of the conversion option by one investor which led to reduction in amount raised by Rs. 22.50 crore (5.6% of gross proceeds), which may impact the viability of the objects.	No Comments
Is there any other relevant information that may materially affect the decision making of the investors?	No	Chartered Accountant certificate*, Management confirmation	Nil	No Comments

<sup>\*</sup>Chartered Accountants certificate from Muchhal & Gupta Chartered Accountants dated October 30, 2025 bearing UDIN 25142513BNGGSP8871 #Where material deviation may be defined to mean:

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

## 4) Details of objects to be monitored:

(i) Cost of objects --





		Source of information /	Original cost		Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comment	s of the Board of	Directors
Sr. No	Item Head	certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	(as per the Offer Document) in Rs. Crore	Revised Cost <sup>^</sup> in Rs. Crore		Reason for cost revision	Proposed financing option	Particulars of firm arrangements made
1	Funding Inorganic growth opportunities and strategic acquisition	Form PAS 4*, CA certificate#, Board Resolution Dated June 18, 2025, Shareholder resolution dated September 23, 2025	175.00	108.12	Cost was initially reduced by Rs. 16.875 crore due to cancellation of warrants owing to non-exercise of conversion option by one of the investors as approved by the board resolution dated June 18, 2025. Cost has been further revised through shareholders resolution dated September 23, 2025 by reclassifying Rs. 50 crore to other objects.	No Comments	No Comments	No Comments
2	Funding capital expenditure for new green field projects	Form PAS 4*, CA certificate,	75.00	105.00	The company has reclassified Rs. 30 crore			
a.	Greenfield project of the company	Shareholder resolution dated September 23, 2025	50.00	60.00	towards this object as approved by the	No Comments	No Comments	No Comments
b.	Greenfield project of the subsidiary company	uateu september 25, 2025	25.00	45.00	shareholders resolution dated September 23, 2025			
	Funding capital expenditure for Brown field projects		50.00	70.00	The company has reclassified Rs. 20 crore			
a.	Brown field project of the company	Form PAS 4*, CA certificate, Shareholder resolution	35.00	45.00	towards this object as approved by the	No Comments	No Comments	No Comments
ı n	Brown field project of the subsidiary company	dated September 23, 2025	15.00	25.00	shareholders resolution dated September 23, 2025			
	General Corporate purpose	Form PAS 4*, CA certificate, Board resolution dated June 18, 2025	96.50	90.88	Revision in cost due to cancellation of warrants owing to non-exercise of	No Comments	No Comments	No Comments





		Source of information /	Original cost		Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comment	s of the Board o	f Directors
Sr. No	Item Head	certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	(as per the Offer Document) in Rs. Crore	Revised Cost^ in Rs. Crore		Reason for cost revision	Proposed financing option	Particulars of firm arrangements made
					conversion option by one of			
					the investors as approved			
					by the board resolution			
					dated June 18, 2025.			
	Total		396.50	374.00				

<sup>^</sup>As per revised cost of objects approved by the board resolution dated June 18, 2025. Further, cost of the object was revised as approved by the shareholders in the meeting (AGM) held on September 23, 2025

#Chartered Accountants certificate from Muchhal & Gupta Chartered Accountants dated October 30, 2025 bearing UDIN 25142513BNGGSP8871

#### (ii) Progress in the objects -

		Source of information	Amount as	Revised	Amount	Amount u	tilised in F	Rs. Crore	Total		Comments of Direct	
Sr. No	Item Head	/ certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	proposed in the Offer Document in Rs. Crore	Cost^ in Rs. crore	Received in Rs. Crore	As at beginning of the quarter	tne guarter	At the end of the quarter	unutilised amount in Rs. crore	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Reasons for idle funds	Proposed course of action
1	Funding Inorganic growth opportunities and strategic acquisition	CA Certificate*, Bank Statements, Stock exchange filing dated August 21, 2025, Letter of Intent dated August 18, 2025	175.00	108.12	374.00	79.31	5.30	84.61	23.51	During the quarter, the company has made payment of Rs. 4.00 crore towards the acquisition of 24,643 Series B Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares of Asar Green Kabadi Private Limited (aggregating to 25.07% of share capital on fully diluted basis) pursuant to the stock exchange filing of Share Subscription Agreement dated August 21, 2025.	No Comments	No Comments

<sup>\*</sup>Private placement offer cum application letter issued pursuant to Section 42(3) of the Companies act, 2013 read with Rule 14 (3) of Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014.



		Source of information	Amount as	Revised	Amount	Amount u	ilised in F	Rs. Crore	Total		Comments of Direct	
Sr. No	Item Head	/ certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	proposed in the Offer Document in Rs. Crore	Cost^ in Rs. crore	Received in Rs. Crore	As at beginning of the quarter	During the quarter	At the end of the quarter	unutilised amount in Rs. crore	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Reasons for idle funds	Proposed course of action
										The company has also transferred Rs. 1.00 crore to M/s. Ashish Industries and Rs. 0.03 crore to M/s. Vijay pursuant to a letter of intent (LOI) dated August 18, 2025 towards evaluation of transfer of business undertaking of the ice-cream cone manufacturing and sleeve printing and packaging plants of the above entities. The above transfer of funds was routed through its subsidiary, HFL Consumer Products Private Limited. As per terms of the LOI, the funds are refundable in case the transaction is not executed.		
2	Funding capital expenditure for new green field projects											
a.	Greenfield project of the company	CA Certificate*, Bank statements, Ledger of the vendors	50.00	60.00		42.09	5.00	47.09	12.91	The company has utilised Rs. 5.00 crore during the quarter towards payments to vendors for green field project for the company.	No Comments	No Comments
b.	Greenfield project of the subsidiary company	CA Certificate*, Bank statements	25.00	45.00		24.06	-	24.06	20.94	Nil	No Comments	No Comments
3.	Funding capital expenditure for Brown field projects											



		Source of information	Amount as	Revised	Amount	Amount u	tilised in I	Rs. Crore	Total			the Board of ctors
Sr. No	ltem Head	/ certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	proposed in the Offer Document in Rs. Crore	Cost^ in Rs. crore	Received in Rs. Crore	As at beginning of the quarter	During the quarter	At the end of the quarter	unutilised amount in Rs. crore	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Reasons for idle funds	Proposed course of action
a.	Brown field project of the company	CA Certificate*, Bank statements	35.00	45.00		29.65	-	29.65	15.35	Nil	No Comments	No Comments
b.	Brown field project of the subsidiary company	CA Certificate*, Bank statements	15.00	25.00		12.05	-	12.05	12.95	Nil	No Comments	No Comments
4.	General Corporate purpose	CA Certificate*, Bank statements, Ledger of vendors, Sample invoices, Board Resolution dated August 08, 2025	96.50	90.88		41.94	8.95	50.89	39.99	The company has utilized the funds towards payment to vendors for purchase of raw materials. This has been approved as utilization under General Corporate Purposes (GCP) by the management, as authorized by the Board Resolution dated August 08, 2025.	No Comments	No Comments
Tota	ıl	396.50	374.00	374.00 <sup>1</sup>	229.10	19.25	248.35	125.65				

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<sup>^</sup>As per revised cost of objects approved by the board resolution dated June 18, 2025. Further, the costs of the object were revised as approved by the shareholders in the meeting (AGM) held on September 23, 2025

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The company has received total funds of Rs. 377.50 crore till September 30, 2025 (In Q1FY26 the entire amount was received by company). Of this, Rs. 3.50 crore pertains to issue related expenses. Consequently, the net proceeds received amount to Rs. 374.00 crore.

Note 1: The company has transferred the issue proceeds from monitoring account (HDFC Bank) to Cash Credit (CC) accounts (Maintained with HDFC Bank) for utilization of proceeds rather than utilizing the issue proceeds directly from monitoring account. Accordingly, there are numerous other debits and credits in the said CC accounts resulting in the comingling of funds. The MA has relied on management declarations, CA certificate and examined the supporting documents.



# (iii) Deployment of unutilized proceeds:

Sr. No.	Type of instrument and name of the entity invested in	Amount invested	Maturity date	Earning	Return on Investment (%)	Market Value as at the end of quarter
1	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301199370571	5.00	04-11-2025	-	5.75%	-
2	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301214725260	5.00	08-12-2025	-	5.50%	-
3	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301220780200	5.00	22-12-2025	-	5.50%	-
4	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301220785100	5.00	22-12-2025	-	5.50%	-
5	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301223303966	5.00	28-12-2025	-	5.50%	-
6	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301165514913	4.92	24-11-2025	-	5.75%	-
7	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176824981	4.90	02-10-2026	-	6.15%	-
8	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176811039	4.90	21-09-2026	-	6.15%	-
9	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176817290	4.90	22-09-2026	-	6.15%	-
10	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176818021	4.90	23-09-2026	-	6.15%	-
11	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176818978	4.90	24-09-2026	-	6.15%	-
12	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176819777	4.90	25-09-2025	-	6.15%	-
13	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176820407	4.90	26-09-2025	-	6.15%	-
14	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176821015	4.90	27-09-2025	-	6.15%	-
15	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176821640	4.90	28-09-2025	-	6.15%	-
16	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176822198	4.90	29-09-2025	-	6.15%	-
17	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176822988	4.90	30-09-2025	-	6.15%	-
18	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176824202	4.90	01-10-2025	-	6.15%	-
19	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176825589	4.90	03-10-2025	-	6.15%	-
20	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176826197	4.90	04-10-2025	-	6.15%	-
21	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176826681	4.90	05-10-2025	-	6.15%	-
22	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176827902	4.90	06-10-2025	-	6.15%	-
23	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301176830895	4.10	07-10-2025	-	6.15%	-
24	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301118568801	3.66	24-05-2026	-	7.40%	-
25	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301118570101	3.66	24-05-2026	-	7.40%	-
26	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301180995838	2.62	27-12-2025	-	4.25%	-
27	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301197066137	2.50	31-10-2025	-	4.25%	-
28	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301197074452	2.50	31-10-2025	-	4.25%	-
29	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301223908411	0.81	29-12-2025	-	4.25%	-
30	FD with HDFC Bank - 50301092663084	0.05	17-01-2026	-	7.40%	-
		128.21				





Sr. No.	Type of instrument and name of the entity invested in	Amount invested	Maturity date	Earning	Return on Investment (%)	Market Value as at the end of quarter
	Less: Accrued interest income	0.84				
	Less: Money pertaining to Issue Expense	1.72				
	Total Unutilized	125.65				_

Note: Verified from Chartered Accountants certificate from Muchhal & Gupta Chartered Accountants dated October 30, 2025 bearing UDIN 25142513BNGGSP8871

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

	Completion Date		Delay (no. of days/	Comments of th	Comments of the Board of Directors		
Objects	As per the offer document	Actual	months)	Reason of delay	Proposed course of action		
1. Funding Inorganic growth opportunities and strategic acquisition	December 31, 2026	Ongoing	Not applicable	No Comments	No Comments		
2. Funding capital expenditure for new green field projects							
a. Greenfield project of the company	December 31, 2026	Ongoing	Not applicable	No Comments	No Comments		
b. Greenfield project of the subsidiary company	December 31, 2026	Ongoing	Not applicable	No Comments	No Comments		
3. Funding capital expenditure for Brown field projects							
a. Brownfield project of the company	December 31, 2026	Ongoing	Not applicable	No Comments	No Comments		
b. Brownfield project of the subsidiary company	December 31, 2026	Ongoing	Not applicable	No Comments	No Comments		
4. General Corporate purpose	December 31, 2026	Ongoing	Not applicable	No Comments	No Comments		

Note: Verified from Chartered Accountants certificate from Muchhal & Gupta Chartered Accountants dated October 30, 2025 bearing UDIN 25142513BNGGSP8871

#### 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	Payment to vendors	8.95	statements, Ledger of vendors, sample invoices, Board Resolution dated	The company has utilized the funds towards payment to vendors for purchase of raw materials. As per the definition of general corporate purpose in the offer document, amounts can be utilized in a manner and proportion as may be decided by the board from time to time. The Board of Directors, vide resolution dated August 08, 2025, has authorized the management of the company to decide in this regard. As per confirmation received from company's compliance officer, the management is	No Comments



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
				defined as the Managing Director, an Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, any of whom can singly authorize the expenditure. The management certification shared with the MA outlining such utilization is certified by one of the above persons.	
	Total	8.95			

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<sup>^</sup> Section from the offer document related to GCP:

<sup>&</sup>quot;The amount stated for the objects above shall not be added to the general corporate purposes (GCP) which shall not exceed Rs.96.50 crore i.e. 24.34% of the net proceeds from the preferential issue and which may be utilized for, inter alia, meeting ongoing general corporate exigencies and contingencies, expenses of the company, investment in subsidiaries/joint venture /associates of the company, as applicable in such a manner and proportion as may be decided by the Board from time to time and/or any other general purposes as may be permissible under the applicable laws"



#### **Disclaimers to MA report:**

- a) This Report is prepared by CARE Ratings Ltd (hereinafter referred to as "Monitoring Agency/MA"). The MA has taken utmost care to ensure accuracy and objectivity while developing this Report based on the information provided by the Issuer and information obtained from sources believed by it to be accurate and reliable. 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.
- b) This Report has to be seen in its entirety; the selective review of portions of the Report may lead to inaccurate assessments. For the purpose of this Report, MA has relied upon the information provided by the management /officials/consultants of the Issuer and third-party sources like peer reviewed auditor appointed by the Issuer believed by it to be accurate and reliable.
- c) Nothing contained in this Report is capable or 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 MA is also not responsible for any errors in transmission and specifically states that it, or its directors, employees do not have any financial liabilities whatsoever to the users of this Report.
- d) The MA and its affiliates do not act as a fiduciary. The MA and its affiliates also do not act as an expert to the extent defined under Section 2(38) of the Companies Act, 2013. While the MA has obtained information from sources it believes to be reliable, it does not perform an audit and undertakes no independent verification of any information/ certifications/ statements it receives from peer reviewed auditor, lawyers, chartered engineers or other experts, and relies on in its reports.
- e) The MA or its affiliates may have other commercial transactions with the entity to which the report pertains. As an example, the MA may rate the issuer or any debt instruments / facilities issued or proposed to be issued by the issuer that is subject matter of this report. The MA may receive separate compensation for its ratings and certain credit-related analyses, normally from issuers or underwriters of the instruments, facilities, securities or from obligors.