

### Annexure A

# Procedure for submission of Annual System Audit Report through e-PASS INDEX

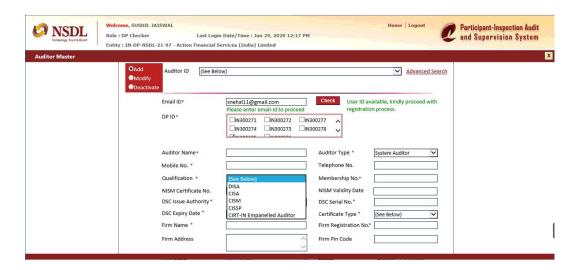
Sr. No.	Feature	Page No.
1.	System Auditor Login	2-3
2.	Submission of audit report by System auditor to Participant	3-6
3	Review & Submission by Participant	6-7



### A. Procedure for submission of Annual System Audit Report through e-PASS:

#### 1) System Auditor Login:

After login on e-PASS with Participant's login credentials, Participant will be able to add new user for System auditor under head of 'Masters' -> 'Auditor Master' [as exhibited below]. This will display auditor master screen, where Participants can add System auditor user IDs. Participant will need to select Auditor type as "System Auditor" and fill the other details as exhibited below.



a) System Auditor shall login to e-PASS portal (<a href="https://www.epass.nsdl.com/epass/">https://www.epass.nsdl.com/epass/</a>) using their credential as created by Participant. "User ID" will be the email ID of auditor as provided by System auditor to Participant. After entering user ID and password, Click on "Generate OTP" as exhibited below:





b) Upon clicking on "Generate OTP", a One Time Password (OTP) will be sent on registered mobile number and email ID of System Auditor and same has to be entered for login to e-PASS. On first login with default password "Nsdl@123" and OTP, e-PASS portal will prompt the user to change password. Upon successfully changing the password, System Auditor needs to re-login with new password to get access to e-PASS.

#### c) Forgot Password:

In case System Auditor forgets password, a link – "Forgot Password" is provided on login screen of e-PASS portal through which a new password can be generated. Upon clicking the link "Forgot Password" (as exhibited below), users login password will be reset and an email intimation will be sent on the registered email id (e-mail ID provided at the time of registration) with the new password. On receipt of this email, user can login to e-PASS using this new password. After login, the user can change the password by using the Change Password functionality provided under "Tools" in the main menu.

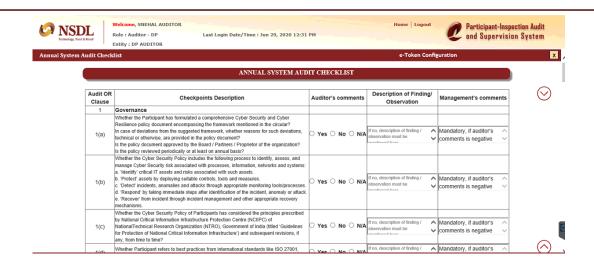
#### 2) Submission of Annual System Audit Report by System Auditor:

a) After login to e-PASS, for submission of Annual System Audit Report, click on 'Annual System Audit Report'. Then click on "Submit Annual System Audit Report".

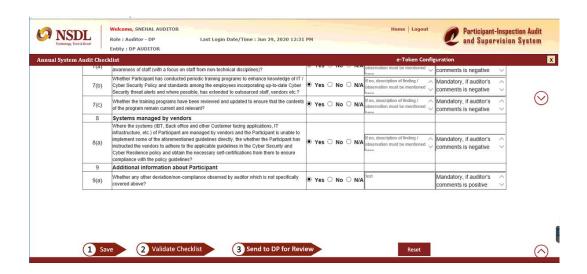


- b) Upon Clicking 'Submit Annual System Audit Report' screen as exhibited below will be displayed. Auditor has to select audit period, and DP ID and click on submit button.
- c) Once the Submit button is clicked, the Annual System Audit checklist will be displayed on the screen as exhibited below, which has to be filled completely by the System auditor.





- d) The System auditor can enter his comments and mention observations as mentioned in above exhibit.
- e) System Auditor can click "Save Draft" button to save the draft report at any point in time while filling the report. The System Auditor can view the saved Audit report under 'view/search Annual System Audit Report' option. The System Auditor can complete the checklist at a future date [as exhibited below].



f) Once the system audit checklist is filled completely, the System Auditor will need to click on 'validate checklist' button. If there are any error/s, the same would be highlighted which are required to be corrected by the System Auditor and once again click on button 'validate checklist'. Once audit checklist is validated successfully, then System Auditor can send the report to Participant for review and its comments (if any) by clicking on "Send to DP for Review" button [as exhibited above].

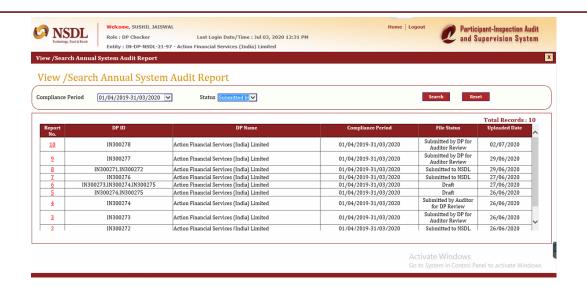


g) The process of review by the Participant is provided in point no. 3 below. Once the report is submitted by the Participant for review by auditor, auditor will be able to see the Annual System Audit Report under the head of 'Annual System Audit Report -> 'view/search System Audit Report' [as exhibited below] with status 'Submitted by DP for Auditor Review'.



- h) If the System auditor is not satisfied with the comments/review of the Participant, the System auditor may resend the report to Participant again for review. The changes, if any, made by the System auditor in report resent to Participant for review will be highlighted in the report.
- i) If the System auditor is satisfied with the comments & review made by the Participant, then auditor will need to click on 'Save' and 'validate checklist' button. If there are any error/s the same would be highlighted which are required to be corrected by the System Auditor and once again click on button 'validate checklist'. Once audit checklist is validated successfully then the report has to be signed digitally by the System auditor by using the relevant digital signature certificate (DSC) registered in e-PASS at the time of addition of the System auditor by the Participant.
- j) The System Auditor and Participant will be able to see the Annual System Audit Report with relevant status of the Annual System Audit Report under the head of Annual System Audit Report -> 'view/search Annual System Audit Report'. The relevant screen shot is exhibited below.

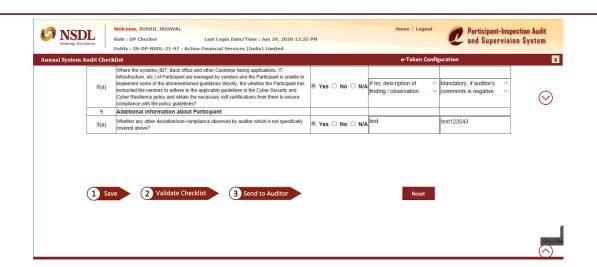




#### 3) Review by Participant:

- a) Once the report has been sent by the System Auditor to its Participant for review, the Participant can login into e-PASS using login credential. Participant can view the Annual System Audit report under the head of 'Annual System Audit Report -> 'View/Search Annual System Auditor Report'.
- b) A list of Annual System Audit Report submitted by System auditor will be displayed to the Participant. Participant will be able to review and add its comments (if any) on the Annual System Audit Report where status of the report is 'Submitted by Auditor for DP review'.
- c) Participant is required to review the Annual System Audit Report and add remarks and comments (if any) wherever required. Once, Participant has completed its review and entered its comments, wherever required, it will be required to validate the audit checklist by clicking on 'Validate Checklist' button. If there are any error/s the same would be highlighted which are required to be corrected by the Participant and once again click on button 'validate checklist'. Once audit checklist is validated successfully then Participant has to click on button 'Send to Auditor' pursuant to which the report will be sent to auditor for review.





- d) After the report is sent to the auditor for review, the auditor can review the comments/ remarks given by Participant's management. If the auditor is satisfied with the comments, it will sign the report using its DSC and submit the same to Participant by following the procedure as stated at 2(i) above.
- e) Annual System Audit Report submitted by auditor after attaching its DSC can be viewed by the Participant under the head 'Annual System Audit Report' -> 'view/search Annual System Audit Report'. The Participant is required to digitally sign the report using its DSC before submitting to NSDL. After digitally signing the report, the same is required to be submitted to NSDL by clicking on "Send to NSDL" Button as exhibited below.

