

January 19, 2026

Buds Tea Industries Limited: Continues to remain under issuer Non-Cooperating category

Summary of rating action

Instrument [^]	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long Term - Fund Based – Term Loan	14.00	14.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long Term - Fund Based – Cash Credit	12.75	12.75	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long Term - Non Fund Based - Others	0.50	0.50	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	27.25	27.25	

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure-I

Rationale

ICRA has kept the Long-Term ratings of Buds Tea Industries Limited in the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as "[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING".

The rating continues to remain under "Issuer Not Cooperating" is because of lack of adequate information regarding Buds Tea Industries Limited's performance and hence the uncertainty around its credit risk. ICRA assesses whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its "Policy in respect of non-cooperation by a rated entity" available at www.icra.in. The lenders, investors and other market participants are thus advised to exercise appropriate caution while using this rating as the rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity.

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with Buds Tea Industries Limited, ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity so as to monitor its performance. Further, ICRA has been sending repeated reminders to the entity for payment of surveillance fee that became due. Despite multiple requests by ICRA, the entity's management has remained non-cooperative. In the absence of requisite information and in line with the aforesaid policy of ICRA, the rating has been continued to the "Issuer Not Cooperating" category. The rating is based on the best available information.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities: [Click here](#) ICRA is unable to provide the latest information because of non-cooperation by the entity.

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable Rating Methodologies	Policy in respect of non-cooperation by the rated entity Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Policy On Default Recognition Tea
Parent/Group Support	NA
Consolidation/Standalone	Standalone

About the company

Buds Tea Industries Limited was established in the year 2006 and is engaged in manufacturing CTC variety of tea. The plant is located near Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.

Key financial indicators

	FY2023	FY2024
Operating income	63.3	56.0
PAT	4.0	4.1
OPBDIT/OI	6.3%	7.4%
PAT/OI	0.7%	1.1%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	7.9	6.7
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	6.9	6.4
Interest coverage (times)	1.5	1.5

OPBDIT: Operating Profit before Depreciation, Interest, Taxes and Amortisation
Source: MCA

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

CRA	Rating Action	Date of Release
CARE	CARE D/CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	October 31, 2025
CRISIL	CRISIL D/CRISIL D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	June 25, 2025

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Instrument	Type	Amount Rated (Rs. Crore)	Current Rating (FY2026)	Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years					
				Date & Rating in	FY2025		FY2024		FY2023	
				19-Jan-2026	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating
1	Term Loan	Long Term	14.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	25-Nov-2024	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	27-Sep-2023	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	24-Aug-2022	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
2	Cash Credit	Long Term	12.75	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	25-Nov-2024	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	27-Sep-2023	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	24-Aug-2022	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
3	Non Fund Based	Long Term	0.50	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	25-Nov-2024	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	27-Sep-2023	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	24-Aug-2022	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Cash Credit	Simple
Term Loan	Simple
Non Fund Based	Simple

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional, or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments, is available on ICRA's website: [Click Here](#)

Annexure-I: Instrument details

ISI N No	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (RS Crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Term Loan	-	-	-	14.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Cash Credit	-	-	-	12.75	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Non Fund Based	-	-	-	0.50	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Buds Tea Industries Limited

Annexure-II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis: Not Applicable

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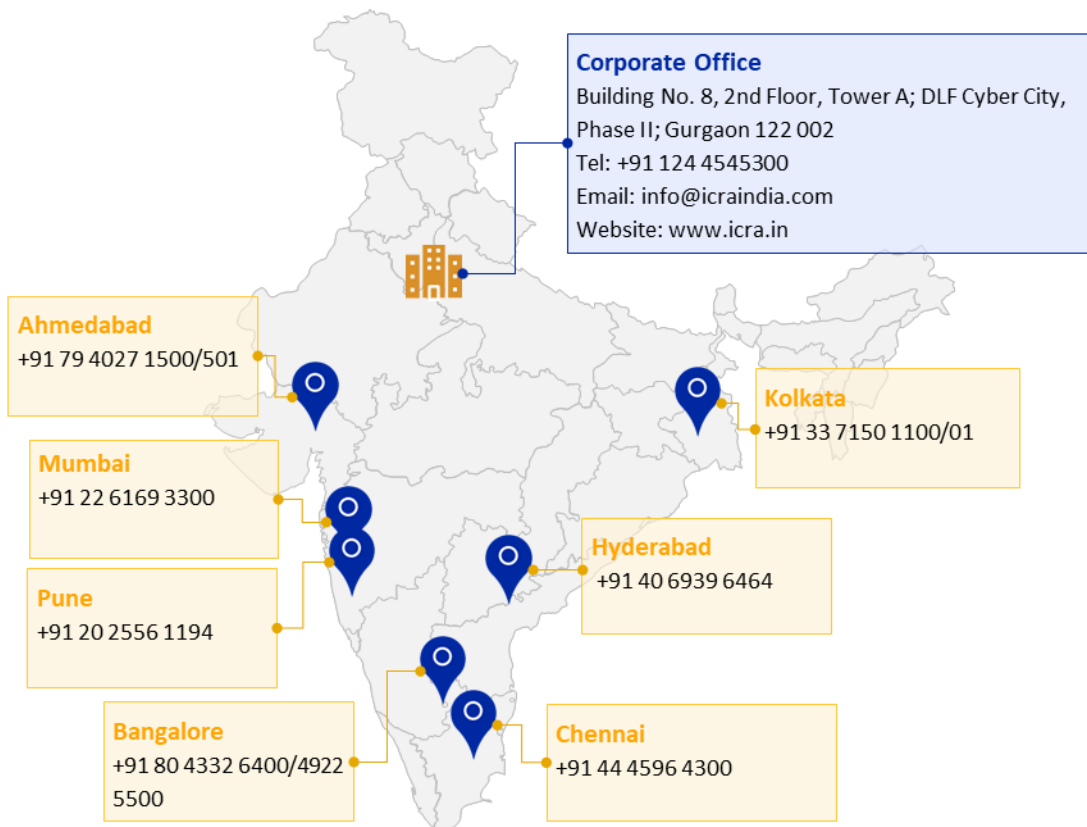


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