

## **Rating Rationale**

### **Brickwork Ratings assigns “BWR-KA-C-” (Provisional) for the Tourism – Homestay Rating of Misty Bridge Stay Home, Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District, Karnataka**

Brickwork Ratings India Pvt Ltd (BWR) has assigned “**BWR-KA-C-”<sup>#</sup> (Provisional) (Pronounced BWR Karnataka C Minus) Tourism – Homestay rating** to **Misty Bridge Stay Home**, Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District, Karnataka, which indicates that the organization provides/delivers **Moderate Quality of Facility**. This Provisional Rating is valid for 6 months and will be considered as a regular rating at the discretion of BWR, upon submission of the Original Homestay Registration Certificate issued by the Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka.

#### **HOMESTAY PROFILE:**

**Misty Bridge Stay Home (MBSH)**, Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District was established by Mr. T. R. Appaji and his family. MBSH is located at Survey no. 32, Made Village and Post, Jodupala, Madikeri, Kodagu District, Karnataka. The home stay is built on land area of ~2 acres and the built up area of the homestay is ~989 sq ft. MBSH commenced operations on May 7, 2015. The homestay is maintained and run by Mr. Appaji’s family to accommodate the needs of leisure travelers. MBSH is around 14 Km from Madikeri town. MBSH is surrounded by greenery and 2 acres of coffee plantations. The land is owned by Mr. T. R. Appaji.

#### **OPERATIONS, FACILITIES AND SERVICES:**

MBSH enjoys locational advantages as it is located in a coffee estate. MBSH is 0.5km away from the Mangalore-Madikeri main road and the road condition is motorable. MBSH is situated in Madikeri Taluk with tourist attractions like Omkareshwara Temple, Raja's seat, Abbey Falls & Madikeri Fort which are 14 km from the home stay. Essential services like government hospital, medical dispensary/ pharmacy, police station, local government office, convenience stores, bus stand, bank, ATM etc are 14 Km away from the homestay.

#### **# KA stands for Karnataka**

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The Rooms at the homestay are comfortable and homely. MBSH has 2 separate units (three double bed rooms and two double bed rooms), each room offers accommodation with amenities like attached bathroom with 24 hours hot water, wardrobe, dressing mirror, fans, towels, basic toiletries, beverage sachets etc.

The rooms are clean and well maintained. The sizes of the rooms and bathrooms in the homestay are adequate. The doors of the rooms are fitted with ordinary locks. MBSH has parking space for around 4 cars. MBSH provides complimentary breakfast, dinner, tea/coffee and toiletries. Lunch is served on request with additional charge.

The standard tariff is Rs. 1000 per head for 24 hours of stay. MBSH provides assistance with luggage and information on nearby tourist destinations.

The homestay property has fencing with lockable gate. Three CCTVs are fixed at the entrance of the homestay. UPS is available to address power supply issues and each room has boiler facility for hot water. The bookings are made through website and visited guest referrals. The home stay has maintained registers like guest register. First aid facility is available, safety lockers are provided, there is no security guard and no fire extinguisher as part of the security and safety measures.

#### **MANAGEMENT:**

Mr. T. R. Appaji is an ex-serviceman and the proprietor of Misty Bridge Stay Home. The proprietor stays in the homestay with his family. The day to day operations of the homestay are taken care of by the proprietor Mr. T. R. Appaji and his wife, Mrs. T. A. Nagaveni.

#### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCES:**

Misty Bridge Stay Home has the following documents viz., Land Use Permit dt. 7 May 2015 from Gram Panchayat, Police verification certificate dt. November 30 2016 issued in the name of the proprietor Mr. T. R. Appaji, the approval from Gram Panchayat dt 7 May 2015 for operating a homestay and Property Tax paid receipts for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. MBSH is yet to obtain original Registration Certificate of the homestay from Department of Tourism – Government of Karnataka. However, MBSH has submitted an online application for Homestay Registration and received the acknowledgement from

Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka, which states that MBSH's Application number is 16121007, dated 30 December 2016 and that they would be notified by the department officials in case they need clarifications or if they find discrepancies in the submitted application.

### **RATING RATIONALE:**

The Tourism- Homestay rating assigned for Misty Bridge Stay Home positively factors the nearby tourist attractions, clean, spacious rooms and adequate facilities. However, the rating is constrained by the limited track record of the homestay, limited access to essential services near the homestay, poor approach road, need for improvement in security and fire safety measures, inherent seasonality risk associated with the cash flows of the homestay industry and competition from other homestay players in the vicinity.

Misty Bridge Stay Home's ability to sustain its good quality services and ensure value for money stay options would be the key rating sensitivities. Provision of additional amenities, improvement in safety and security measures, collection of identity proof from the guests during check in and ensuring better services for differently abled guests with special needs is necessary.

### **METHODOLOGY ADOPTED:**

BWR Tourism Ratings reflects BWR's current opinion on the quality of the specific Tourism Product or Service in Karnataka. Department of Tourism (DoT), Government of Karnataka has issued Tourism Products Rating Guide – Karnataka 2015 ([http://karnatakaturism.org/policy/Tourism\\_Products\\_Rating\\_Guide-Accommodation.pdf](http://karnatakaturism.org/policy/Tourism_Products_Rating_Guide-Accommodation.pdf)) which has defined the Quality Standards which shall be applied by the empanelled Rating Agencies for assessing the quality of tourism products in Karnataka. Guidelines for registration of Homestays in Karnataka have been issued vide GO (Government order) No. TD 429 TTT2015 Bengaluru, dated 31-3-2016. (<http://karnatakaturism.org/policy/go-dated-31.03.2016-kan-eng-agency-address-parameters.pdf>), ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಪ್ರಇ 201 ಪ್ರವಾಯೋ 2016, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು , ದಿನಾಂಕ : 24-6-2016, ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಪ್ರಇ 201 ಪ್ರವಾಯೋ 2016, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು , ದಿನಾಂಕ : 27/08/2016 and GO (Government order) ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಪ್ರಇ 201 ಪ್ರವಾಯೋ 2016, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು , ದಿನಾಂಕ :13/10/2016 ([http://karnatakaturism.org/policy/Homestay\\_Governmentorder.pdf](http://karnatakaturism.org/policy/Homestay_Governmentorder.pdf)) . In addition, BWR

has drawn up several qualitative and quantitative parameters, based on its own research and in consultation with various experts in this field and in the “user industries”, to make a comprehensive assessment of the quality of Tourism Products/Services. The DoT parameters constitute 80% weightage of the Rating while BWR parameters constitute 20% weightage. The rating is carried out on a scale of A to E with (+) or (-) modifiers for A through C except D and E, to reflect comparative standing within the category. Rating Parameters are broadly categorized as Infrastructure, Services, Safety and Security, Statutory Compliances, Good Design Practices, Evaluation of business model, Promoters/Management analysis, Location analysis, Scale, diversification and coverage, Brand strength and Networking and Developmental efforts.

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