

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE 21st GOVERNING COUNCIL (ANNUAL) MEETING

The meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> Governing Council (Annual) meeting was held on September 13, 2019 at "Juniper Hall", India Habitat Centre, New Delhi at 1400-1500 hrs.

The list of members who attended the meeting is annexed at *Annexure –A* (page no. 6). Leave of absence was granted to the members who could not attend the meeting.

#### Welcome

Chairperson, QCI welcomed all the members. Few Members, other than the ex-officio members participated for the first time in the Governing Council as it has been re constituted during the 53<sup>rd</sup> GB vide item No 53.2.1 held on 12.12.2019 for a term of two years.

In his opening remarks, members were apprised about the exemplary performance of QCI, the accessibility and outreach of the organisation which has increased in many folds in the past few years which has helped the nation in improving quality standards across the country in different realms through its Boards / Divisions,.

During the year, some interim changes took place at QCI, and the same were updated to the members as follows –

- 1. Relieving of CEO, NABL and CEO, NABCB after completion of their terms as per the approval of GB.
- 2. Assuming of the charge of CEO, NABL & CEO, NABCB by new incumbents, appointed after following due process.
- 3. The current term of Dr Harish Nadkarni, CEO NABH was expiring on September 28, as per the approval of GB.
- 4. Process of recruitment of new CEO, NABH in final stages.
- 5. Second term / Extension of two Chairperson of Boards namely; NABET and NABL Boards.
- 6. Working of QCI with many Government departments and State Governments in various sectors specifically in UP & Maharashtra.
- 7. QCI is continuously being asked to do many things by the government. One of it is setting up a certification process for Project Management Professionals by NITI.
- 8. With NHA, QCI has prepared a Basic Standard under ABPMJAY in order to assure quality of hospitals empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
- 9. QCI was asked to sample and test fishes entering into Goa for formalin content. Similarly, QCI is assessing use of single use plastic on airports.
- 10. QCI has assessed private hospitals for Kayakalp standards of MoHFW which was meant initially only for public hospitals to check their health and hygiene standards. This whole initiative was done pro bono for the MoHFW.

Thanking the Chairperson of all Boards, Chairperson-QCI informed the members the Chairperson of respective Boards i.e., NABL, NABH, NABCB, NBQP, NABET and Finance Committee spend a lot of time helping out such that QCI has changed dramatically and is now a transformational story for several other autonomous bodies; QCI has grown



and made its presence felt both at the national / international platforms. He apprised the members that now many autonomous bodies are trying to know the dynamics of this change.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

SG with the permission of the members adopted the agenda.

#### Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 20th Governing Council Meeting.

The approved proceedings of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of QCI held on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 as circulated on 17.10.2018 and EGM transacted through mail dated 21.6.2019 as circulated to all members on 9.7.19 were confirmed by the Members.

# Action taken on the Proceedings of the 20th Governing Council meeting.

The 'Action Taken Report' on the approved proceedings of the 20th Annual Meeting of QCI held on 5th September, 2018 and EGM transacted through mail dated 21.6.2019 were approved by the Members.

#### I Items for Approval of Governing Council:

#### Item No 21.1.1

To approve the Annual Report; Annual Audited Accounts & Auditors Report of QCI for the year FY 2018-19.

The Chairperson, Finance Committee apprised the members that the Statutory Audit of QCI has been done by newly appointed Statutory Auditor M/s Walker, Chandiok & Co. LLP and presented the Audited Annual Accounts & Auditor's Report for the year 2018-19 before the members.

The Statutory Auditors were also invited and they participated in the meeting. Chairperson, FC apprised the members that QCI was in a sound financial health and had enough surplus to invest in own building.

The annual report for the year 2018-19 & the Audited Annual Accounts of QCI along with Auditors Report for the year 2018-19 were concurred and recommended for placing in the Governing Council by the members of 56th Governing Body meeting vide item No. 56.1.1. Governing Council approved the same. The Annual Report will be placed in the Parliament through DPIIT.

#### II Items for Ratification of Governing Council:

Item No 21.2.1 : To note Financial Performance of QCI and its Boards for FY 2018-19.

Members noted, QCI and its Boards have earned actual Income of Rs. 21,076 Lakhs (including receipts) during the year ended 31.03.2019 against the Budgeted Income of Rs. 23, 250 Lakhs which is 91 % of Budgeted Income and actual Expenditure of Rs. 16,637 Lakhs during the year against the Budgeted Expenditure of Rs. 17,500 Lakhs which is 95% of Budgeted Expenditure.

Governing Council ratified the information.

Item No. 21.2.2 : To note Budget for the financial year 2019-20.

Members ratified the budget for the FY 2019-20 wherein the Budgeted income and Budgeted expenditure is Rs. 26,928/- and Rs. 20,658/- respectively.

Item No. 21.2.3 : To note Financial Performance of QCI and its Boards for 1st Quarter (April 1- to June 30, 2019) & during 2nd Quarter (July 1 till Aug.31, 2019) during the FY 2019-20.

Governing Council members ratified the the Income and expenditure during the quarter as mentioned below-

- The actual income for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY 2019-20 upto June 30, 2019 is Rs. 3,639/- Lakhs and the actual expenditure is Rs. 3,117/- Lakhs (Expense) respectively of QCI and all Boards.
- 2) During the 2nd Quarter QCI, the Boards and QCI have earned Income of ₹ 8,066 Lakhs and Expenditure has been ₹ 6,018 Lakhs upto September 10, 2019.

#### **III** Items for information of Governing Council:

Item No. 21.3.1 : Status of Income Tax Appeals before Commissioner – Appeal, Income Tax Department and before Income Tax Appellate Tribunal.

The GC received the information.

Item No. 21.3.2 : Status of QCI's case before Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal-reg.

The Governing Council received the information.

# IV STATUS ON UPDATE OF ACTIVITES IN BOARDS / DIVISIONS

Item No. 21.4.1 :

To note the update on the activities of Special Project Group by Designated In-charge during the reporting period-

The Governing Council received the information on update of activities of SPG – PADD, ZED and PPID. It was felt that the ZED scheme needs to be relooked and owned in a manner such that it can be incentivised for the participation of manufacturers at large and a beneficiary to its end users.

Item No. 21.4.2 : to 21.4.5

To note the update on the activities of NABL, NABH, NABET, NABCB & NBQP during the reporting period.

An update on activities during the reporting period were presented by SG, QCI for all the five Boards through a presentation.

Item No. 21.5

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

# In addition to the agenda items, following discussions took place:

- Members were informed about allegations against two assessors who were deputed to visit Moradabad Railway Station for assessment and raking of railway stations. It was suggested that QCI must further strengthen its own systems and take counter measures so that such alleged incidents do not take place.
- 2. JS, DPIIT opined that ZED may be implemented in clusters on which QCI has already worked under LMCS program. QCI can also make a plan for ZED demo in some chosen MSME which has gone through ZED certification so that other MSMEs learn about the benefits of ZED implementation. MSMEs being the engine for growth and employment, a targeted approach may be prepared and any support from DPIIT shall be provided.
- 3. It was in general agreed that the financial health of QCI was robust. QCI may use its surplus to buy its own building in order to avoid the statutory requirement of reinvestment of surplus within 5 years.
- 4. It was desired that statutory auditors may submit a detailed note on the process followed within the organization and gaps if any, which were noticed in the statutory audit. The auditors however added that strictly it is not within the mandate of statutory audit. However, since they were doing it for the first time, they would compile a general observations for management review and guidance.
- 5. It was discussed that the expansion of finance committee from 3 to 5 members and choice of reputed companies like M/s. Walker Chandiok LLP is a good step in the right direction.
- 6. It was also requested that the presentations made in GB may also include adequate information about the process which ensures good governance. However, it was

clarified that the entire process and detailed discussion about each project happens at the level of the accreditation boards and suitable review is also happening at the Boards. At the level of GB, only information concerning major activities are presented.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Dr. R P Singh) Secretary General (Adil Zainulbhai)
Chairman

Place - New Delhi Date -06/11/2019 List of Members attended

	21st Governing Council (Annual) Meeting held on 13.9.19								
Si.No.	Name	Designation / Organization							
1	Mr Adil Zainulbhai	Chairperson - QCI							
2	Ms Sumita Dawra	Jt. Secretary, DPIIT							
3	Prof. S. K. Joshi	Chairperson, NABL							
4	Mr Shyam Bang	Chairperson, NABCB							
5	Dr B.K. Rao	Chairperson, NABH							
6	Sh. Sunil Mathur	Chairperson, NBQP							
7	Mr S. K. Sarkar	Chairperson, Finance Committee-QCI							
8	Sh Anupam Kaul	CII							
9	Dr M K Bhardwaj	ASSOCHAM							
10	Sh A K Sharma	STQC (Meity)							
11	Sh Bejon Kumar Misra	Founder, Consumer Online Foundation							
12	Sh A K Sharma	DDG, BIS							
13	Sh Aditya Natraj	Founder & Director, Kaivalya Education Foundation (KEF)							
		CEO - Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership							
14	Sh Kamal Bhagat	Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC),							
	Sh Rajkumar	Deptt of Telecom (DoT)							
15	Dr Sanjay Yadav	Sr Principal Scientist, National Physical Laboratory							
16	Sh Gaurav Hazra	Sr Director, NASSCOM							
17	Sh P K Aggarwal	National President, NIQR							
18	Dr V K Monga	Indian Medical Association (IMA)							
19	Sh Pankaj Kumar	Indian Industries Association (IIA)							
ſ	Sh Jitendra Pareek	Indian Industries Association (IIA)							
20	Sh R K Chugh	President, IEEMA							
21	Ms Anita Gupta	Director, IEEMA							
22	Mr Rajiv Chawla	Chairman, IamSMEofINDIA							
· 23\	Dr J S Reddy	Addl. Director, Export Inspection Council (EIC)							
25	Sh Atul Gautam	Indian Bank Association (IBA)							
26	Ms Sangeeta Sharma	ACMA							

# Invitee:-

Dr R.P. Singh

1	Mr. Rohit Bahadur	Statutory Auditors
2	Mr. Neeti Khurana	from
3	Mr. Tushar Garg	M/s Walker, Chandiok & Co. LLP

Secretary General

#### Secretariat:-

1	Dr. Harish Nadkarni	CEO - NABH
2	Mr. Manish Jindal	CEO-NABET
3	Mr. C. K. Biswas	CEO-NBQP
4	Mr. N. Venkateswaran	CEO-NABL
5	Dr. A Raj	Sr. Director-ZED
6	Dr. Manish Pande	Director-PADD
7	Sh. Anil Relia	Principal Adviser-PPID
8	Sh H B Chawla	Adviser, F&A

#### Leave Granted-

1-Chairperson, NABET		 · .	
2-Secretary, Department of Commerce & Industry		 * .	 
3-President, FICCI	ÿ	 	 
4-Chairman, Railway Board	Ì	 	
5- President, Indian Drug Manufacturers Association (IDMA)			
6- President, Indian Merchant Chambers			
7- Secretary, M/o Health & Family Welfare			
8-President – Federation of Indian Export Organization (FIEO)			

