



QUALITY COUNCIL OF INDIA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 59th GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The meeting of the 59th Governing Body was held on July 03, 2020 through Video Conferencing mode at 1100 hrs.

The list of members who attended the meeting is annexed at *Annexure –A* (page no. 8).

Welcome Note

The Chairperson welcomed all the members present through the virtual mode and confirmed the quorum for the meeting.

The meeting began with a tribute to Late Prof. S.K. Joshi, Former Chairperson of NABL, who passed away on May 15, 2020. The Chairperson, QCI acknowledged the remarkable contributions made by Prof. Joshi to the field of Science & Technology and to the nation. All the members paid their respects to Prof. Joshi by observing a minute of silence. The Chairperson also informed the members that as a recognition to the contributions by Prof. Joshi and to pay our homage, QCI is finalizing a Prof. Joshi award for young scientists making their mark in the quality domain of metrology through NBQP. A formal proposal for approval shall be presented to the Governing Body for the same after the process is institutionalised.

The Chairperson apprised the members that QCI recently had the opportunity to make a presentation to the Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister (CIM), Sh. Piyush Goyal on June 12, 2020 and briefed him on the work QCI has been undertaking recently. He further informed the members that Hon'ble CIM gave some very good suggestions on the possible fields of expansion which shall also be presented to the Board members in the meeting. The major comments by CIM were as given below:

1. CIM congratulated QCI for the vast scope of services being undertaken in various domains by the constituent Boards & Divisions.
2. CIM encouraged QCI to expand the services so as to play a significant role in ensuring quality of goods & services in India under the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat.
3. CIM also congratulated QCI for the voluntary initiatives taken to expand the testing capabilities in the country through NABL during the continuing spread of COVID-19 and various other measures taken at this time.

The Chairperson requested the Secretary General to take up the formal discussion on the agenda.



a. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the permission of the Chair.

b. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 58th Governing Body Meeting

The proceedings of the 58th Governing Body meeting held on March 18, 2020 were confirmed and approved by the Governing Body members.

c. Action taken on the Proceedings of the 58th Governing Body meeting

The 'Action Taken Report' on the proceedings of the 58th Governing Body meeting circulated to all Governing Body members along with the detailed Agenda document were noted by the Governing Body members.

I Items for Consideration and Approval of Governing Body:

Item No. 59.1.1 : To consider Draft Annual Report for the period 1.4.2019 to 31.3.2020

The Governing Body considered the Draft Annual Report for the year 2019-20 and concurred for its finalisation and placing before the Governing Council in its forthcoming meeting after the Annual Accounts are finalized. It was also requested that any comment on the Annual Report may be sent to QCI.

Item No. 59.1.2 : To consider the nomination for Finance Committee-Chairperson and extension in the term of Finance Committee members

The Governing Body after considering the proposal concurred to the following:

- i. Nomination of Ms. Tanushree Banerjee, Deputy Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (nominee of CII and member of Finance Committee) as Chairperson, Finance Committee in order to maintain continuity for a period of two years w.e.f 20.07.2020.
- ii. Extension in term of Ms. Tanushree Banerjee for another two years w.e.f. 22.08.2018.
- iii. Extension in term of Mr. Shyam Bang till the validity of his term as member of the Governing Body i.e. November 2020.
- iv. Extension in term of Mr. Bejon Mishra till the validity of his term as member of the Governing Body i.e. November 2020.



The Chairperson recognized and appreciated the contribution of the current Chairperson, Mr. S.K Sarkar to QCI who completed two successive terms as the Chairperson of Finance Committee.

Item No. 59.1.3 : To consider the extension in the services of Dr. Gayatri Mahindroo, Senior Director, NABH beyond superannuation

The Governing Body discussed the matter at length and decided the following:

- i. Dr. Gayatri Mahindroo, Senior Director, NABH may be allowed to superannuate from the position of Senior Director, NABH as per provisions of Service & Finance Manual and the regular position currently being occupied by her may be shown vacant post her superannuation on 31.07.2020.
- ii. However, she may continue to offer her services to NABH in an appropriate advisory position.
- iii. Her remuneration in the advisory position be decided by QCI in accordance with the rules applicable for professionals.

Item No 59.1.4 : To approve the creation of Training & Capacity Building (TCB) Division

The members were informed that it has been envisaged that all QCI Training & Capacity building activities currently being undertaken by the Boards and Divisions separately, be brought under a centralised domain of an internal Training & Capacity Building Division to bring a focussed and far-sighted vision to the management of all training activities across the country as well as internationally as was done during the lockdown period. The proposed Division may also supplement the training activities of the Boards by giving them a virtual platform and organising these in a more coordinated manner.

The members deliberated the matter and concluded that the scope of the activities of the proposed division may be clearly defined so that they do not create a conflict with the trainings conducted by the Boards which are highly technical in nature and required as per their mandate. It was also suggested that the associations do a lot of trainings and QCI training(s) should be complementary to it, and not competitive.

The Chairperson suggested that in the meanwhile, all training activities can go as per the ongoing mandate, however clearly demarcated roles and responsibilities vis-à-vis Boards may be circulated to the members and be discussed in the next Governing Body meeting before formalizing TCB as a Division under QCI.



II. Items for Ratification of Governing Body

Item No. 59.2.1 : To ratify the nomination of Dr. D.K. Aswal as Interim /In-charge Chairperson, NABL

The Governing Body took note of appointment of Dr. D.K. Aswal, Director, National Physical Laboratory as Incharge Chairperson from December 2019.

It further approved the continuation of Dr. D. K. Aswal as Incharge Chairperson, NABL till the position is filled with a full time Chairperson as per rules.

III. Items for Information of the Governing Body

Item No. 59.3.1 : To note the financial performance of QCI and its Boards during FY 2019-20 for 4th Quarter [Jan 1 to March 31, 2020] and up to June 30, 2020 for the FY 2020-21

The Secretary General briefed the Board on the financial performance of QCI and its respective Boards and Divisions during the FY 2019-20 and the quarter ending June 30, 2020.

- a. During the FY 2019-20 in the 4th Quarter, QCI and all its Boards earned actual Income of ₹6,798 Lakhs against the Budgeted Income of ₹8,080 Lakhs (84 % of Budgeted Income) and actual Expenditure of ₹4,231 Lakhs against the Budgeted Expenditure of ₹6,200 Lakhs (68% of Budgeted Expenditure)
- b. The Boards and QCI, have earned total Income of ₹21,176 Lakhs against the Budgeted Income of ₹26,928 Lakhs and Expenditure has been ₹14,815 Lakhs against the Budgeted Expenditure of ₹20,658 Lakhs for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.
- c. During the FY 2020-21, the Boards and QCI in the 1st quarter have earned Income of ₹2677 Lakhs (45% of Budgeted Income) and Expenditure has been ₹1807 Lakhs (37% of the Budgeted Expenditure) for the period April 1, 2020 till June 30, 2020

The Secretary General and the Chairperson, Finance Committee briefed the Governing Body on the impact of COVID-19 on the financial performance of QCI and informed the committee that the budgeted income & expenditure for the year may be revisited by the end of next quarter.



Item No. 59.3.2 : To note receiving of Income Tax Refund from Income Tax Department

It was informed to the Board members that a total amount of ₹19,15,97,390/- was due as refund from income tax department from AY 2010-11 to AY 2019-20. In a recent development QCI has received a refund from the Income Tax Department for ₹12,49,31,878/-, as the case has now been decided in favour of QCI and as such no appeal is pending.

The Governing Body received the information presented by the Secretary General, QCI and Chairperson of Finance Committee.

Item No. 59.3.3 : To receive note on the promotions against the sanctioned posts in QCI during the period of report

The Governing Body received the information.

Item No. 59.3.4 : To receive note on new joining (against the sanctioned posts) in QCI

The Governing Body received the update on new joining against regular posts.

Item No. 59.3.5 : To receive note on the regularization against the sanctioned post

The Governing Body received the update on the employees regularized in the respective Boards as per the information presented by the Secretary General, QCI.

Item No. 59.3.6 : To note - recruitment process for the post of Secretary General

The Chairperson, QCI requested the Secretary General (being a related party) to re-join the meeting after the Governing Body has deliberated on the current item.

The Chairperson informed the members that the second term (each term of 3 years) of present Secretary General, Dr. R. P. Singh, shall be ending in September, 2020. As per Service & Finance Manual, QCI, clause 2.4.4 (iii) No extension beyond a tenure of six years may be permitted. Accordingly, QCI has initiated the process as per Service & Finance Manual for recruitment against the post of Secretary General and the advertisement in this respect has been issued on 27.06.2020.

Mr. Anupam Kaul, requested the Chairperson to revisit the qualification and eligibility criteria given in the said recruitment



advertisement. The Chairperson informed the members that it shall be made sure that all provisions of the said recruitment follow the approved guidelines. The current advertisement is in line with the specific guidelines in the manual.

The Secretary, DPIIT requested the Chairperson, QCI to ensure that said process is completed well in time.

Item No. 59.3.7 : To brief about the Review Meeting with Hon'ble CIM and inform about QCI & its activities (SG along with CEOs and HoDs presented)

The Secretary General, QCI re-joined the meeting and briefed the members on the efforts made by QCI to serve the nation and industry during the current pandemic.

The Board CEOs and Division Heads were requested to brief the members on the activities of their respective domains and the forthcoming plans.

The members present took note of the exemplary work and appreciated QCI on the contributions in various fields.

Item No. 59.4 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair

The Chairperson invited all members to give their suggestions on other domains wherein QCI can play an important role in the industry.

1. Prof. Goverdhan Mehta suggested that in wake of the current situation and the rise in digitalisation of education, NABET should focus on regulating the quality of modes of digital education and ensure good standards are put in place for times to come. In furtherance to this Mr. Aditya Natraj suggested that a government mandate for quality certifications should be emphasized on, to further the objectives and schemes of NABET as already prevalent for NABH & NABL.
2. Dr. B. K Rao suggested that as realised in the COVID-19 period, the current healthcare infrastructure lacks quality standards on spread of infectious diseases and the methods of mitigation. So, NABH should explore this important vertical of developing quality standards for regulating spread of diseases, trauma, etc.
3. Mr. Sunil Mathur suggested that areas such as IR 4.0 for MSME's and Cyber & Data Security across Central/State



Government enterprises should also be the focus of quality interventions by QCI. Another area of intervention as suggested by Mr. Bejon Mishra was market surveillance of consumer products and services by QCI to ensure that there are methods to deal with false product certifications and only good quality products/services get quality certifications to reach the market.

4. Mr. Shyam Bang suggested that there is a need to spread/promote the message of quality certifications, audit and certification procedures throughout the industry preferably through NBQP to get the desired results of the multiple schemes under the QCI umbrella. In furtherance to this Mr. Anupam Kaul suggested that NBQP can also focus on developing schemes and programmes for strengthening of the manufacturing and MSME sectors. The need to focus on MSMEs and training & upskilling activities because of the emerging opportunities in the industry was further focussed by members from IIA and FICCI.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair

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(Dr. Ravi. P. Singh)
Secretary General

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(Adil Zainulbhai)
Chairperson

Place :- New Delhi
Date:- 13th July 2020

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List of Members present:

1.	Shri Adil Zainulbhai	Chairperson, QCI
2.	Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra	Secretary, DPIIT
3.	Shri Puru Gupta	Deputy Secretary, DoC
4.	Ms. Sampa Saha	Director, DPIIT
5.	Dr. D.K Aswal	Interim Chairperson, NABL & Representative, CSIR
6.	Prof. Goverdhan Mehta	Chairperson, NABET
7.	Dr. B. K. Rao	Chairperson, NABH
8.	Shri Sunil Mathur	Chairperson, NBQP
9.	Shri Shyam Bang	Chairperson, NABCB
10.	Shri Anupam Kaul	CII
11.	Shri A K Sharma	STQC, M/o E&IT
12.	Shri Aaditya Natraj	CEO-Piramal Foundation for Education & Leadership; Founder & Director, Kaivalya Education Foundation
13.	Shri Bejon Kumar Mishra	Founder, Consumer Online Foundation
14.	Ms. Ekta Kapoor	DST
15.	Shri Jitendra Pareek	IIA
16.	Shri Mritunjay Kumar	FICCI
17.	Shri S.K Sarkar	Chairperson, Finance Committee
18.	Dr. Ravi P. Singh	Secretary General

QCI Secretariat

1.	Shri Rajesh Maheshwari	CEO, NABCB
2.	Shri C.K. Biswas	CEO, NBQP
3.	Dr. Atul Mohan Kochhar	CEO, NABH
4.	Dr. Manish Jindal	CEO, NABET
5.	Shri N. Venkateswaran	CEO, NABL
6.	Dr. A Raj	Sr. Director, ZED
7.	Shri Anil Relia	Head, PPID
8.	Dr. Manish Pande	Director, PADD
9.	Shri Kuldeep Kaul	Principal Adviser, F&A
10.	Shri Rudraneel Chattopadhyay	Policy Unit
11.	Shri Alok Jain	Training & Capacity Building Cell