

Extract of Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet  
Held on 9th February 1996 conveyed vide  
Cabinet Secretariat's letter No. 6/CM/96(i) dated 14th February, 96

Case No. 42/6/96 Item 4

The Cabinet at its meeting on 9th February, 1996 considered and approved the following proposals of the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development

- (i) The Quality Council of India (QCI) to be set up as an autonomous body registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act.
- (ii) The Department of Industrial Development to act as the nodal point for all matters connected with Quality and QCI.
- (iii) The QCI to have in its fold:
  - a) National Accreditation Board for products and Quality Systems Certification.
  - b) National Accreditation Board for Quality Management Personnel and Training Organizations
- (iv) The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories to be set up as a Society under the Societies Registration Act. It will be fully answerable to the QCI and at the appropriate stage be brought within the fold of the society under which QCI is set up.
- (v) The Chairman of the QCI to be nominated by the Prime Minister.
- (vi) The Chairmen of the three Accreditation Boards to be nominated by the Chairman of QCI, in consultation with the Board of the QCI.
- (vii) The nodal responsibility for executing the plan for setting up the QCI to be entrusted to the Department of Industrial Development. The Department will set up a steering group for the same.
- (viii) A contribution of 50% of the seed capital required for setting up the QCI to be made by the Government. For this purpose, an additional amount of Rs. 75 lakhs to be provided in the budget of the Department of Industrial Development for 1995-96.

- (ix) The balance amount of 50% seed capital to be allocated to industry associations or professional bodies relevant to quality control as may be approved by the Government.
- (x) A Contribution of Rs. 1.25 crores ,per annum to be made for financing the activities under the National Quality Campaign, which will be borne by the Ministries/ Departments of the Government represented on the QCI, through provisions in their budgets under the plan.
- (xi) The Quality Council of India to monitor and administer the National Quality Campaign.
- (xii) The Quality Council of India to oversee the effective functioning of the National Information and Enquiry service.
- (xiii) To declare as a matter of policy that all procurement in Central Government would be done in a manner which encourages establishment of quality assurance systems based on ISO 9000/ ISO 14000 Series of Standards, The Government would, amongst other things, increasingly depend on certification bodies accredited by the National Accreditation Boards functioning under the umbrella of the Quality Council of India
- (xiv) To declare as a matter of policy that all business and industrial enterprises would be encouraged to adopt ISO 9000 Series of Standards in their operations by providing amongst others, appropriate fiscal, financial and tax benefits.
- (xv) To authorize the Quality Council of India to prepare a white paper on the role of Government in promoting quality consciousness in the country and to agree, in principle, to table it in the Parliament after its consideration by the Cabinet/Cabinet Committee.
- (xvi) The composition of the Quality Council of India will be as indicated in Annex-B.

Composition of Quality Council of India

1.	Chairperson	1
2.	* Ministry of Commerce	1
3.	* Department of Science & Technology	1
4.	* Department of Industrial Development	1
5.	* Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution	1
6.	* Ministry of Defence	1
7.	* Ministry of Railways	1
8.	* Department of Telecommunications	1
9.	* Bureau of Indian standards	1
10.	Confederation of Indian Industry	1
11.	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry	1
12.	Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry	1
13.	Federation of Association of Small Industries of India	1
14.	Federation of Indian Exporters Organization	1
15.	Two representatives from professional bodies/ Academic institutions	2
16.	* Council of Scientific & Industrial Research	1
17.	Two representatives from Registered Consumer Associations (By rotation)	2
18.	* STQC	1
19.	Three representatives from Accredited Certification Bodies (by rotation)	3
20.	Ex-officio members - Chairmen of Accreditation Boards (3 Members)	3
21.	Two Representatives of star trading house	2
22.	Two representatives of recipients of quality awards	2
23.	Member Secretary - to be designated by Department Of Industrial Development	1
	Total	31

\* Government Representation ;