



QUALITY COUNCIL OF INDIA

MINUTES OF THE 61st GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF QCI HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 2020

The meeting of the 61st Governing Body was held on December 23, 2020 through Video Conferencing mode at 1530 hrs.

The list of members who attended the meeting is annexed at *Annexure –A* (page no. 7)

Welcome Note

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

The meeting began with opening remarks from the Chairperson, QCI wherein he informed the members that during the current quarter QCI expanded its activities in many areas in alignment with the flagship government schemes such as the Atmanirbhar Bharat, Vocal for Local etc. He also informed that QCI offices are now fully operational while obeying to the hygiene & safety protocols being circulated by Government. The Chairperson, QCI thanked the Governing Body members, Industry associations & Board Chairpersons, for their guidance and support in widening the horizon of activities undertaken by QCI during the pandemic period. He informed that lot of Ministries and other government organisations during this year have reached out to QCI for providing them support w.r.t their key initiatives/projects and it is continuing. The Chairperson also recognized that despite the slowdown, the QCI financial position is in good shape and thanked the Finance Committee for its continued support and effective monitoring in this regard.

The Secretary General, QCI informed the Board that the second term of two (2) of its members namely; Mr. Bejon Misra, Founder, Consumer Online Foundation and Mr. S. Rajasekaran, President, & National Institution for Quality & Reliability is ending in December 2020, he thanked them for their guidance and support during their tenure.

The Chairperson, QCI while appreciating their efforts thanked them for their significant guidance and commitment towards organisation.

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. It was informed that Item No.6.3.1 was moved as approval Item No. 61.1.3 on advice of the Finance Committee.

b. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 60th Governing Body Meeting



The proceedings of the 60th Governing Body meeting held on September 23, 2020 were confirmed and approved by the Governing Body members, since no comments were received from any member.

c. Action taken on the Proceedings of the 60th Governing Body meeting

The 'Action Taken Report' on the proceedings of the 60th Governing Body meeting circulated to all Governing Body members was noted by the Governing Body. It was informed that all actions, wherever required were taken.

I. Items for Consideration and Approval of Governing Body:

Item No. 61.1.1 : To approve revised budget estimates for the Financial Year 2020-2021

The Secretary General, QCI informed the members that considering the pandemic situation, the Finance Committee had carried out the half-yearly review of the activities and finances of QCI. Based on the same the Revised Budget Estimate (RBE) for the Financial Year 2020-2021 was prepared. The budgeted income therein has been revised to Rs. 23,126 Lakhs (against the earlier budgeted income of Rs. 29,613 Lakhs) and the budgeted expenditure has been revised to Rs. 15,445 Lakhs (against the earlier budgeted expense of Rs. 22,472 Lakhs).

The Governing Body approved the Revised Budget Estimates (RBE) for the Financial Year 2020-2021.

Item No. 61.1.2 : To consider and approve initiation of process for Niti Aayog & QCI led schemes as separate entity for smooth nationalised operations

a) The Secretary General and Chairperson, QCI briefed the members on the mandate and objectives of the Niti Aayog as envisioned under the National Project Management Policy Framework (NPMPPF) and the institutionalisation of National Institute for Chartered Program/Project Management Professional (NICPP) as recommended in the framework.

The Chairperson, QCI while addressing to the queries from members, informed them that the idea of creating a separate entity to lead these initiatives is to make these certifications easily accessible and affordable within the country and to work on furtherance of the objects of the entities on a national scale in a focussed manner. He further informed the members that



this is in consonance with the mandate given to QCI by Niti Aayog, the Steering Committee & the Technical Committee set up for the same. The Secretary General further clarified to the members that any perceived areas of conflict of Interest between the operations of the proposed Institute and the QCI Boards is being well taken care of and being the National Accreditation Body, any such risk mitigation shall continue to be one of the focus areas in the process of setting up of this Institute.

The Governing Body approved the proposal in principle & approved formalising NICPP under the ambit of QCI.

- b) The Chairperson, QCI informed the members about the mandate and functioning of the second initiative i.e. Unnati (National Job matching Platform) being considered to be undertaken as a separate legal entity (in the form of Sec 8 Company as per the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules laid thereunder) with QCI in discussion with Niti Aayog. The members were also apprised about the features and future course of action on the functioning of the Portal. They also informed that by setting up a separate legal entity, the functioning of such an initiative and organisation becomes legally admissible and smooth for a nation-wide scaling.

The Chairperson acknowledged the suggestions of members and assured to consider them as the operations mature with time. Dr. Vandana Kumar, Joint Secretary, DPIIT requested that the structure of the organisation may be discussed upon finalisation and DPIIT may be forwarded the plan in advance.

The Governing Body approved the proposal In-principle.

Item No. 61.1.3 : To approve filing of Form No. 10 under Section 11(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961

The Chairperson, Finance Committee informed the members that as per the provisions of Sec 11(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules laid thereunder, QCI would be required to file Form 10 to report the accumulated income of Rs. 11,66,18,351 (Rupees Eleven Crore, Sixty-Six Lakh, Eighteen Thousand and Three Hundred Fifty-One only) earned in the Financial Year 2019-20 (total accumulation as at 31 March 2020 Rs. 48,10,02,152/-).



The Governing Body approved the filing of Form No. 10 as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and authorized Secretary General, QCI to file the same before the Income Tax Officer / Assessing Officer concerned by December 31, 2020 or extended date (if any).

II. Items for Ratification of Governing Body

Item No. 61.2.1 : To ratify grant of Annual Increment for the Financial Year 2020-2021 to QCI employees

The Governing Body took note of the annual increment for the Financial Year 2020-2021 granted to the employees and ratified the same.

Item No. 61.2.2 : Matter regarding re-constitution of the Governing Council w.e.f. date of GB meeting (23.12.2020)

The Secretary General, QCI apprised the members about the vacancy of eight (8) positions in the QCI Governing Council upon completion of the terms of the respective members. He informed that after following the due process of inviting nominations against the said categories, acceptance has been received from 4 nominated organisations, while the response from remaining 4 is still awaited.

The Chairperson, QCI requested the Governing Body members to offer their suggestions on the new nominations, if any.

The Governing Body noted the status of the re-nominations and approved the same.

III. Items for Information of the Governing Body

Item No. 61.3.1 : Filing of Form No. 10 under Section 11(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961

The item was moved to Item No. 61.1.3 above on recommendations of the Finance Committee and placed for approval of the Governing Body.

Item No. 61.3.2 : Matter regarding DPIIT's proposal for merger of NPC with QCI

The Secretary General, QCI apprised the members that in view of DPIIT communication regarding merger of NPC with QCI, a study



Report considering all relevant factors (including; current Governance structure, Technical, Operational, Administrative and Financial issues of both organisations), anticipated issues arising out of such merger/assimilation and suggestive actions, was prepared by QCI and has been submitted to DPIIT.

The Secretary General and Dr. Vandana Kumar, Joint Secretary, DPIIT further informed that the two organisations are in discussion with DPIIT and the further course of action shall be decided and updated to the Governing Body when it is finalised.

The Governing Body received the information.

Item No. 61.3.3 : To note the Financial Performance of QCI and its Boards from October 01, 2020 to November 30, 2020

The Secretary General, QCI briefed the Board on the financial performance of QCI and its respective Boards and Divisions during the 3rd quarter (from October 1, 2020 to December 15, 2020).

The Boards and QCI, have earned total Income of ₹4,969 Lakhs against the budgeted Income of ₹4,820 Lakhs (being 103% of the estimated income) and the total Expenditure has been ₹2,744 Lakhs against the budgeted Expenditure of ₹3,220 Lakhs (being 85% of budgeted expenditure) for the period October 01, 2020 to December 15, 2020.

The Governing Body took note of the same.

Item No. 61.3.4 : To receive note of the QCI employees (appointed against the sanctioned posts) relieved from their services

The Governing Body received the information.

Item No. 61.3.5 : To present an update on activities of QCI Boards, Divisions & Cells during the reporting period

The Secretary General, Board CEO's & Divisional Heads presented an update on the activities of their respective domains along with forthcoming plans and initiatives, during the reporting period, to the Governing Body.

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



Item No. 61.3.6 : To note the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU's) entered into during the reporting period (Sep 23, 2020 to Dec 20, 2020)- Placed on Table

The Governing Body received the information.

Item No. 61.4 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair

The Secretary General, QCI informed the members that QCI is hosting a 42-day series of webinars called the "Udyog Manthan" on Productivity and Quality starting 4th of January, 2021. He further requested the Governing Body members to express their support, participate and send their nominations (if any) for panellists and speakers to be included in the series of these webinars.

The Chairperson thanked the Board Chairpersons and CEO's /Divisional Heads for their continued efforts to excel in the range of activities undertaken in their respective domains, despite the tough times.

There being no other remarks, the meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair

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(Dr. Ravi P Singh)
Secretary General
Quality Council of India

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adil Zainulbhai', written in a cursive style.

(Adil Zainulbhai)
Chairperson
Quality Council of India

Place: - New Delhi
Date:- 13/01/2021



Attendance for 61st Governing Body Meeting of QCI held on 23.12.2020

List of Members Present:

1.	Sh. Adil Zainulbhai	Chairperson, QCI
2.	Smt. Sumita Dawra	Additional Secretary, DPIIT
3.	Dr. Vandana Kumar	Joint Secretary, DPIIT
4.	Sh. Darpan Jain	Joint Secretary, DoC
5.	Prof. Goverdhan Mehta	Chairperson, NABET
6.	Dr. B.K. Rao	Chairperson, NABH
7.	Prof. R.K Kotnala	Chairperson, NABL
8.	Smt. Tanushree Banerjee	Chairperson, Finance Committee
9.	Sh. Kuldeep Singh	Railway Board
10.	Sh. Mritunjay Kumar	FICCI
11.	Sh. Anupam Kaul	CII
12.	Dr. Ekta Kapoor	Department of Science & Technology
13.	Sh. Bejon Mishra	Founder, Consumer Online Foundation
14.	Sh. Pankaj Kumar	Indian Industries Association
15.	Ms. Jitendra Pareek	
16.	Dr. R.P. Singh	Secretary General

QCI Secretariat:

1.	Sh. N Venkateswaran	CEO, NABL
2.	Dr. Atul Mohan Kochhar	CEO, NABH
3.	Sh. Rajesh Maheshwari	CEO, NABCB
1.	Dr. Manish Kumar Jindal	CEO, NABET
2.	Sh. C.K. Biswas	CEO, NBQP
3.	Sh. Anil Relia	Head, PPID
4.	Dr. A. Raj	Sr. Director, ZED
5.	Dr. Manish Pande	Head, PADD
6.	Sh. Alok Jain	Head, Training and Capacity Building Cell
7.	Sh. Rudraneel Chattopadhyay	Policy Unit

Leave Granted:

- 1- National President, National Institution for Quality & Reliability (NIQR)
- 2- Sh. Aditya Nataraj, Founder, Kaivalya Foundation
- 3- Sh. Sunil Mehta, Chairperson, NBQP
- 4- Sh. Deepak Sood, ASSOCHAM
- 5- Dr. D.K Aswal, Director, NPL & Representative, CSIR
- 6- Director General, STQC