

PROCEEDINGS OF NINTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

**27 May, 2025
Tuesday, 1100 hours**

**Venue:
Room No. 41, Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi**

Participants – The list of Governing Council members and other participants who attended the 9th Governing Council (GC) meeting of BIS as well as list of members who requested leave of absence is given in **Annex 1**.

Item 1. WELCOME BY DG, BIS

1.1 DG, BIS welcomed Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy and ex-officio President of GC, Shri Nadendla Manohar, Hon'ble Minister, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Andhra Pradesh and other esteemed members to the Ninth Governing Council (GC) Meeting of BIS.

Item 2. PRESENTATION ON BIS ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES AND WAY FORWARD

2.1 DDGs of BIS made a power-point presentation on BIS activities, initiatives and way forward.

Item 3 CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF BIS

3.1 The proceedings of the Eight Meeting of the Governing Council of BIS held on 20 September 2024 were circulated to the members vide our e-mail dated 22 April 2025. No comment had been received.

3.2 The Governing Council confirmed the said proceedings.

Item 4 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE EIGHT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF BIS

4.1 Action Taken Report on the decisions / actionable points of the Eight Meeting of the Governing Council of BIS held on 20 September 2024 was informed.

4.2 The Governing Council noted.

Item 5 ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR STANDARDISATION (APS) 2025-26

5.1 Governing Council noted.

Item 6 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR BIS LABORATORY ACTIVITY FOR 2025-26

6.1 Governing Council noted.

Item 7 ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF BRANCH OFFICES

7.1 Governing Council noted.

**Item 8 ANNUAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR CONFORMITY
ASSESSMENT TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF INDIAN
STANDARDS**

8.1 Governing Council noted.

Item 9 IEC GM 2025, NEW DELHI

9.1 Governing Council noted.

**Item 10 PROPOSALS FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT TO OTHER
GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES IN CRITICAL AREAS**

10.1 Governing Council approved the proposal.

**Item 11 APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF BIS FOR THE YEAR
2023-24**

11.1 Governing Council noted.

Item 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Nagpur suggested BIS to formulate standards on 'Packaging' which can be of great help for the Packaging Industry and Indian Institute of Packaging.

12.2 Prof. C. V. R. Murty from Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras raised concern over the foreign consultants being engaged in India for various jobs who do not refer to the Indian Standards for products as well as services. He advised that BIS may explore means of regulating these consultants and may examine how various ministries and State Governments who are engaging these consultants can be sensitized regarding this serious issue.

12.3 President of the GC observed that BIS needs to improve on the adoptability of the Standards. When this issue is suitably addressed, it will enhance the number of manufacturers who would like to manufacture their products conforming to Indian Standards on voluntary basis. To popularize Indian Standards which are not under mandatory scheme, positive testimonials of licensees who have taken voluntary license may be circulated for people to understand the benefits of standards.

12.4 President of the GC suggested that BIS may focus on its role more as a Facilitator along with its role of Regulator. The approach of BIS needs to be more industry and trade friendly.

12.3 Council acclaimed the recent initiatives of BIS w.r.t. its Standard Promotion activity and Laboratory activity. However, it is suggested to enhance and strengthen the testing facilities pan India by BIS as, proper testing of products as per the standards leads to manufacturing of quality products.

12.4 While appreciating the interactive initiatives like 'Manak Manthan' and 'Manak Samwad' specially with MSMEs, the President advised that BIS branch offices may execute these activities with more passion and dedication so that BIS builds stronger bond with the industry.

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL PRESENT IN THE MEETING

1. Shri Pralhad Joshi, *(in chair)*
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry,
Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution,
New and Renewable Energy
2. Ms. Nidhi Khare,
Secretary,
Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
3. Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari,
Director General,
Bureau of Indian Standards
4. Shri. Sanjiv Shankar,
Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor,
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
5. Shri. Bharat Khera,
Additional Secretary,
Deptt. of Consumer Affairs
6. Shri. Nadendla Manohar,
Hon'ble Minister of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs,
Government of Andhra Pradesh
7. *Shri Kaushik Rai,
Hon'ble Minister of Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs,
Government of Assam
8. *Smt. Leshi Singh, Hon'ble Minister,
Food and Consumer Protection
Department Government of Bihar,
9. Prof. C. V. R. Murty,
Department of Civil Engineering,
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras
10. * Dr. Bhimaraya Metri,
Director, IIM Nagpur.
11. *Shri Sanjay Nair, President, Associated Chambers
of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)

Representative

1. * Dr. Ashish Kumar, Senior Consultant,
Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade Representing Shri Sanjiv, Joint Secretary, (DPIIT)
2. * Shri R. R. Gohel (Director Consumer Affairs & Controller Legal Metrology) (GAS) Representing Shri. Kunvarjibhai Mohanbhai Bavaliya, Hon'ble Minister, Water Supply, Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Protection Affairs. Government of Gujarat
3. *Ruchi Mohan Rayal, AS, Food Department, Government of Uttarakhand. Representing Smt. Rekha Arya, Hon'ble Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Government of Uttarakhand
4. Shri Vipin Sahni, Executive Director, (CII) Representing Shri Sanjiv Puri, President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
5. Shri Shyam Bang, Chair FICCI Manufacturing Excellence Committee Representing Shri Harsha Vardhan Agarwal, President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
6. Shri Rajesh Kulhari, JS (MNRE) Representing Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

Leave of Absence

1. Shri B. L. Verma,
Hon'ble Minister of State for Consumer Affairs,
Food and Public Distribution
2. Dr. (Mrs.) N. Kalaiselvi,
Director General, CSIR and
Secretary, DSIR
3. Shri Chakravarthy T. Kannan,
Secretary General, Quality Council of India (QCI).

4. Shri R. K. Tyagi, Chairman and Managing Director,
Power Grid Corporation of India.

ABSENT

1. Shri Narayanbhai Shah,
Adhyaksha, Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat
2. Ms. Anandita Mehta (COO)
Chief General Manager & Editor,
Consumer Education & Research Centre (CERC)
3. Shri Pasha Patel,
Former Member of the Maharashtra
Legislative Council
4. Shri Shailesh Chandra,
Managing Director – TMPVL & TPEM, TATA Motors.

*Through video-conference

BIS OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Shri H J S Pasricha, DDG (Certification & CSMD);
2. Shri Sanjay Pant, DDG (Standardization – II);
3. Smt. Chitra Gupta, DDG (PRT, Hallmarking Registration)
4. Smt. Nishat Haque, DDG (Laboratory)
5. Smt. Reena Garg, DDG (Standardization - I);
6. Lt. Col Kumar Shantanu, DDG (Administration);
7. Shri Vinod Kumar, DDG (Finance);
8. Shri Rajneesh Khosla, Head (IRD);
9. Shri Deepak Aggarwal, Head (SCMD, P&C);
10. Ms Alka, Secretary (BIS);
11. Shri Amit Kumar Singh, DD(PR);
12. Shri Chirag Shah, DD (P&C);
13. Shri Ankush Jain, AD (Accounts);
14. Shri Avinash, Sc. B (ITSD)