

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

12 May 2026
1130 hours, Tuesday

Venue:
G-15 Conference Room,
Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS),
Manak Bhawan, New Delhi

Participants – The list of Governing Council members and other participants who attended the 10th 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, and other esteemed members to the Tenth 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 NINTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF BIS

3.1 The Proceedings of the Ninth Meeting of the Governing Council of BIS held on 27 May 2025 were circulated to the members vide our e-mail dated 27 June 2025 and no comments were received.

3.2 The Governing Council confirmed the said proceedings.

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

4.1 Action Taken Report on the decisions / actionable points of the Ninth Meeting of the Governing Council of BIS held on 27 May 2025 was informed.

4.2 The Governing Council noted.

Item 5 PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES IN CRITICAL AREAS

5.1 Governing Council noted.

Item 6 ENABLING PROVISION FOR ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF FEES IN RELATED CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SCHEMES FOR PRODUCTS W.R.T. LONGER VALIDITY DURATION OF CERTIFICATIONS AND EXTENDING NOTIFIED ENHANCED CONCESSIONS BY THREE YEARS

6.1 The Governing Council noted.

Item 7 ENABLING PROVISION FOR NOTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS BASED CERTIFICATION UNDER SCHEME-II FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPULSORY REGISTRATION ORDER

7.1 The Governing Council ratified.

Item 8 RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BUREAU

8.1 The Governing Council ratified.

Item 9 PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT TO BIS (HALLMARKING) REGULATIONS, 2018

9.1 Governing Council noted.

Item 10 APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF BIS FOR THE YEAR 2024-25

10.1 Governing Council noted.

Item 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

11.1 President of the Governing Council laid emphasis on the entire system of BIS to be made absolutely transparent and corruption free. The GC desired more use of technology to improve the procedures and systems in BIS.

11.2 GC recommended that the MPs and MLAs of the concerned region be invited to the Standard Promotion activities of BIS. Efforts should be made to get more media coverage for better reach and awareness. A circular may be issued to all branch offices in this regard and they may be asked to ensure presence of local people's representatives in such functions.

11.3 GC observed that the process of hallmarking can be improvised with the help of technology. It was recommended to use technology to eliminate human intervention in the hallmarking process to prevent manipulation. It was further suggested that awareness and outreach activities regarding hallmarking may be increased amongst consumers as well as jewelers. If required, a hackathon may be conducted to invite technology solutions to curb duplication or false hallmarking.

11.4 On suggestion of Hon'ble member of parliament Dr. Laxmikant Bajpayee, as the gold prices are very high and customers are preferring light weight gold jewelry, GC recommended minimum weight of jewelry for mandatory hallmarking be reduced to 1 gram from existing norm of 2 grams.

11.5 Hon'ble member of parliament Shri Bhola Singh suggested that time of two weeks be given to the GC members while circulating the proceedings so that if required, any member can submit his/her comment for incorporating in the proceedings.

11.6 While discussing the participation of BIS in awareness events organized outside BIS, GC recommended that there should be better participation of BIS for impactful awareness. The branch offices of BIS may allocate responsibility to dedicated officers for participation in such events. The responsible officers must attend the events and inform the participations about BIS and its activities. If physical participation is not possible, the officer may participate via VC.

11.7 The President of the GC in his presidential address advised BIS to develop a system where the samples being sent to different laboratories and testing charges being charged by various laboratories are tracked and monitored online so that no laboratory overcharges beyond the approved and agreed rates for testing of samples related to the BIS certification process.

11.8 The President of the GC cited the example of the Department of Telecommunications Sanchar Sarthi initiative using IMEI numbers for mobile phone traceability and observed that, similarly, HUID numbers in gold jewellery should ensure complete traceability, uniqueness, and transparency, so that consumers can verify genuineness of ornaments from anywhere.

11.9 While applauding the performance of BIS in recent years, the President of the GC desired a push to make the ISI mark a "people's movement" through increased media coverage and awareness to help consumers prioritize quality.

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. * Shri B. L. Verma,
Hon'ble Minister of State
Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
3. Ms. Nidhi Khare,
Secretary,
Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
4. Shri Sanjay Garg,
Director General,
Bureau of Indian Standards
5. Dr. Laxmikant Bajpayee,
Hon'ble Member, Rajya Sabha.
6. Shri Bhola Singh,
Hon'ble Member, Lok Sabha.
7. Sh. Anupam Mishra,
Additional Secretary,
Department of Consumer Affairs
8. Ms. Aparna Bhatia,
Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor,
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
9. * Shri Abhijit Narendra,
Joint Secretary Technical Division, Ministry of Steel,
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. * Shri Ashish Patel
Hon'ble Minister, Technical Education and Consumer Affairs
Government of Uttar Pradesh

11. * Shri Sushanta Chowdhury
Hon'ble Minister, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs
Government of Tripura
12. * Dr. Sunil R. Parekh
Chairman and Managing Trustee,
Consumer Education and Research Centre (CERC)
13. * Ms. Anindita Mehta (CEO),
Chief Executive Officer,
Consumer Education & Research Centre (CERC)
14. * Prof. C. V. R. Murty,
Department of Civil Engineering,
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras
15. * Dr. Bhimaraya Metri,
Director,
IIM Nagpur

Representative

1. Shri. Neil Castelino, Head, CII Institute of Quality represented Sh. Rajiv Memani, President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
2. Shri. Ashok Kumar Duggal, Sr. General Manager, Globe Capacitors Pvt. Limited represented Dr. Sasikumar Gendham, President, Electronic Industry Association of India (ELCINA)
3. * Dr Ranjeet Mehta, SG, PHDCCI represented Shri Rajeev Juneja, President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)
4. * Shri. Abhay Kumar, ED-Powergrid represented Shri Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan, Chairman and Managing Director, Power Grid Corporation of India
5. Shri. Sharad Sharaf, General Manager, TMPVL represented Shri Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director, TMPVL & TPEM, TATA Motors
6. * Shri. Hiren Borah, Scientist – E represented Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE),

Leave of Absence

1. Shri Sumit Godara
Cabinet Minister, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs
Government of Rajasthan
2. Dr. (Mrs.) N. Kalaiselvi,
Director General CSIR and Secretary,
DSIR
3. Shri Chakravarthy T. Kannan,
Secretary General,
Quality Council of India (QCI).
4. Dr. Rajaram Tripathi
President,
All India Farmers' Alliance Agricultural association

ABSENT

1. Shri Dayal Das Baghel
Hon'ble Minister, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection
Government of Chhattisgarh
2. Shri K.H. Muniyappa
Hon'ble Minister, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs
Government of Karnataka

*Through video-conference

BIS OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Shri H J S Pasricha, DDG (Certification);
2. Shri Sanjay Pant, DDG (Standardization – II);
3. Shri. Chandan Bahl, DDG (International Relations)
4. Smt. Chitra Gupta, DDG (Hallmarking & Training)
5. Smt. Nishat S Haque, DDG (Lab)
6. Smt. Reena Garg, DDG (Standardization - I);
7. Lt. Col Kumar Shantanu, DDG (Administration);
8. Shri Vinod Kumar, DDG (Finance);
9. Ms Alka, Secretary (BIS);