

Minutes of the 92nd Meeting of the Board of Governors of NISST held on 06th September, 2024 at 02:00 PM in the Steel Room, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi

Members Present:

1. Shri Ashwini Kumar	Chairman
2. Shri Nitin Jain	Member
3. Shri Ranjan Bandyopadhyay	Member
4. Dr. Jagannath Pal	Member – On line
5. Professor D. Ravi Kumar	Member
6. Shri A. K Jain	Member
7. Shri Deependra Kashiva	Member
8. Dr. Anil Dhawan	Member
9. Shri Parmjeet Singh	Member-Secretary – On line

In Attendance

1. Shri Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, US, MoS
2. Shri B K Bansal, Sr. Dy. Director (F&A), NISST
3. Shri V P Tewari, Sr. Dy. Director (P&A), NISST

Leave of absence: None

Member who were absent in the meeting – Dr. Sujata Chaklanobis and Shri Vinod Vashisht.

At the outset Board Members welcomed Shri Parmjeet Singh as the new Director of NISST. After brief introduction, Chairman asked the Member Secretary to take up the agenda points.

ITEM No. 1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 91st Meeting of the Board of Governors of NISST.

Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 91st Meeting were circulated among all the Board Members and no comments were received from any member. The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 91st meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28.02.2024.

ITEM No. 2 Follow up actions on the decisions of the 91st Board Meeting.

1. **Qualification Packs** – The Director, NISST informed that all the seven Qualification Packs (QPs) prepared by NISST, have been approved after validation from the Industries. Accordingly, the bills have already been submitted to the Indian Iron & Steel Sector Skill Council (IIS SSC) for release of payments.

2. **Allocation of work to NISST for Identification of Best Available Technologies by BEE** – The Director, NISST informed that the proposal submitted to BEE was approved by the committee on Sectoral Advisory Group on Iron and Steel Sector of BEE. The BEE has further submitted the proposal to the Management Advisory Committee (MAC), Ministry of Power in September, 2023 for their consideration and approval. It was further informed by the Director, NISST that as the post of DG, BEE is vacant, the final decision in this regard shall be taken after joining of the new DG. Board asked the Director, NISST to write again to BEE regarding this with a copy to the Ministry.
3. **Non-destructive training course in collaboration with M/s ANDT at NISST complex Mandi Gobindgarh**: The Director, NISST informed that as suggested in the last Board meeting, a separate bank account has been opened by M/s. ANDT in order to keep better control over the finances, ensuring that all the proceeds relating to the training programmes are credited to this account. He further informed that the profit sharing module has been modified from 60% ANDT & NISST 40% of profit (after meeting all expenses) to NISST 35% (plus GST) of the total gross receipt and ANDT 65%. All the expenses of the course shall be borne by ANDT.

Item No. 3. Status report:

The Director, NISST gave a presentation on the activities carried out by the Institute during the period 1st February, 2024 to 31st July, 2024, a brief summary of which is given below:-

- A. Energy audits have been conducted in five units.
- B. On Site safety inspections have been conducted in 20 units (98 tests)
- C. Consultancy projects completed in six units on combustion study, PNG commissioning study, energy efficiency improvement study, enhancing productivity in DRI..
- D. There has been considerable increase in testing of steel samples including the samples from foreign countries.
- E. Transparency audit of four public authorities under the RTI Act-2005 were completed.
- F. Safety audits conducted in 3 units of Kerala.
- G. Refurbishment of seminar hall, three lecture halls & construction of workshop is in progress. Twenty three equipments have already been

received against purchase orders issued for 25 equipments under first phase. Tenders of 2nd phase are under process.

H. Director informed that against assignment of UNDP project on “support to collectively respond to the climate emergency and establish resilient development pathways for sustaining human security and green transformation” the following jobs have been completed:

- i) Carried out energy efficiency assessment in balance 4 DRI units.
- ii) Possibilities explored for the implementation of best available technologies/measures in the units.
- iii) Draft roadmap report for targeting 45% CO₂ emission reduction in secondary steel sector including DRI sector has been submitted to UNDP for their comments.
- iv) Financial incentive distribution framework has been finalized & approved by UNDP.

The Board while appreciating NISST for the variety of activities undertaken despite manpower constraints, expressed concern on decrease in income. It was emphasized that NISST should go for sustainable and consistent income sources rather than being dependent on project-based income, only. The Board also suggested that NISST may conduct training programmes in different steel clusters of the country. Shri Deependra Kashiva, Member suggested that in order to augment its income, NISST should conduct at least two National level seminars in a year. Shri Nitin Jain, Deputy Secretary, MoS suggested that NISST may explore the possibility of getting grants from SIDBI like organizations which have dedicated budgets for the training / energy conservation. He also suggested that NISST should make effort to enhance its various services in order to generate more income. Dr. Anil Dhawan suggested that Director, NISST can be invited in their association meetings where the services of NISST can be showcased to the members of ASPA.

The Director, NISST explained that the Institute is facing acute shortage of permanent manpower. It was proposed that permanent manpower needs to be recruited for smooth functioning of the organization which can be materialized by support of additional grant to NISST. The Director, NISST was asked to submit a comprehensive proposal in this regard for consideration.



Item No. 4: Audited Accounts for the F/Y 2023-24

The Director, NISST informed that all the Audit Committee Members have given their consent to Audited Accounts for the year 2023-24. The Board approved the audited financial statements for the F.Y 2023-24 and authorized Shri A K Jain and Dr. Anil Dhawan to sign the balance sheet.

Item No. 5 : Fund Position

The Board noted the details of the investments.

Item No. 6 : Any other points with permission of the Chair

The Director, NISST informed that Shri Kamal Aggarwal, Member of the Board has completed the tenure of three years. He was in the NISST Board since 65th Board Meeting held on 25.10.2013. After discussion, it was decided that Chairman/President, AIIFA may be requested to nominate another representative of AIIFA to the NISST Board.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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28/10/24