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Subject: Constitution of a Working Group for 11th Plan on Quality, Certification and Conformity Assessment.

In the context of formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012), it has been decided to set up a Working Group on Quality, Certification and Conformity Assessment. The terms of reference and composition of the Working Group will be as follows:

I. Terms of Reference

1. To recommend a comprehensive set of policies/programmes and action plan to create culture for quality within the country and to raise the quality of Indian products and services on par with their global counterparts.

2. To evolve innovative instruments such as public private partnership (PPP), which can incentivise value addition through quality up-gradation.

3. To workout corresponding financial resource requirements on aggregate and year-wise basis for the 11th Five Year Plan and sources of financing with minimum burden on budgetary resources.

4. To suggest a unified institutional arrangement for comprehensively addressing all the constituent elements of the quality cycle viz. standard setting, conformity assessment and compliance.

5. Any other relevant issue.

II. Composition of Working Group

1. Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Secretary, D/o Scientific & Ind. Research (DSIR) - Chairman
   Director General, CSIR

2. Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion - Member

3. Secretary, Department of Small Scale Industry & ARI - Member

4. Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals - Member

5. Secretary, Department of Commerce - Contd...2/-
6. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
7. Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries  
8. Secretary, Ministry of Textiles  
9. Secretary (Agriculture), Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation  
10. Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs  
11. Secretary General, Quality Council of India  
12. Dr. Jaiprakash Narain, Loksatta, Hyderabad  
13. Representative of Drug Controller General (India)  
14. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board  
15. Director, Export Inspection Council  
16. Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards  
17. President, Confederation of Indian Industries  
18. President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industries  
19. President, Associated Chamber of Commerce  
20. Director, National Physical Laboratory  
21. Director, National Accreditation Board for Test & Calibration Laboratories  
22. Director General, National Safety Council  
23. Dr. Sunita Narain, Centre for Science & Technology  
24. Representative of Institution of Engineers  
25. Chief Executive Officer, Shriram Test House  
26. Adviser (Industry & VSE), Planning Commission

2. The Chairman of the Working Group may include additional term(s) of reference in consultation with Member (Industry), Planning Commission, who is Chairman of the concerned Steering Committee.

3. The Chairman of the Working Group may co-opt any other Expert as Member of the Working Group, if considered necessary.

4. The Working Group will submit its report within three months to the Chairman of the Steering Committee. The Quality Council of India will provide the Secretarial assistance for the Working Group.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA of official members in connection with the meetings of the Working Group will be borne by the parent Department/Ministry to which the official belongs as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. The non-official members of
the Group will be entitled to TA/DA as permissible to Grade I officers of the Government of India under SR190 (a) and this expenditure will be borne by the Planning Commission.

6. Shri D. Banerjee, Dy Adviser (CI), Room No.319A Yojana Bhavan (Ph. 2309 6710) will act as the Nodal Officer and any further communication in this regard may be made with the Nodal Officer.

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To

Chairman and all the Members (including Convener) of the Working Group

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