



**MINUTES OF THE 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
OF FORUM OF INDIAN REGULATORS (FOIR)**

DATE: 10TH JULY 2020, FRIDAY

(Through Video Conferencing)

The meeting was chaired by Shri R.S. Sharma, Hon. Chairperson, Forum of Indian Regulators (FOIR) and Chairperson, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). He welcomed all the members to the 21st annual general body meeting (AGM) of FOIR which was being conducted for the first time on virtual mode. It was apprised to the members that Chairperson CCI could not attend the meeting. List of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-I**. Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the minutes of 20th Annual General Body meeting held on 21st June 2019 at New Delhi

After discussion on the action points, the minutes of the 20th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of "FOIR" held on June 21st, 2019 in New Delhi as circulated were confirmed.

Agenda 2: Reconstitution of Governing Body of FOIR

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC apprised the members that the proposed composition of the Governing Body is based on the Rules and Regulations of "FOIR" which provide inter-alia that the Chairperson or Members of Electricity Regulatory Commissions/Authorities would be appointed on the basis of their seniority, subject to the condition that he/she has at least one year's service left.

Further, As per the existing Rules and Regulations, the incumbent to the post of Hony. Chairman, Hony. Vice-Chairman and Hony. Member shall hold office till he/she continues to

hold the post of his/her respective Regulatory Commissions/Authorities. Accordingly, the proposed reconstitution of the Governing Body (**Annexure-II**) was approved.

Agenda 3: Membership fees:

a) Pending membership fees

b) Request from Tripura ERC for waiver / reduction in membership fees

c) Restructuring membership fees of Member organizations of FOIR

All three issues being inter-related, the General body took up all the agenda items together.

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC briefed **agenda 3(a)** stating FOIR Member - WDRA had not paid the membership fees for the F.Ys. 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2019-20. Similarly, Kerala State ERC has also not paid the membership fees for the F.Ys. 2017-18 & 2019-20. Reminder letters for the payment of outstanding membership fees has been sent regularly. However, there has been no response from these Member organizations. The Governing Body (GB) in its meeting held on 26th June 2020 had suggested to send a final reminder within a time frame, in accordance with the Rules of FOIR so as to decide on the continuation of membership of these member organizations.

Thereafter, it was apprised that a response has been received from WDRA on 8th July 2020 mentioning the insufficiency of funds to pay the membership fee as WDRA is dependent on limited grant from the Government of India. They had requested to waive off all the previous dues and sought for a concession of 50% in the annual membership fee of FOIR from the year 2020-21 so that they can decide on their membership in FOIR

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC further briefed on **agenda 3(b)** regarding the request from the Secretary, Tripura Electricity Regulatory Commission (TERC) for exemption from payment of annual membership fees of FOIR for the F.Y. 2017-18 and F.Y. 2018-19 and adjusting the fees already paid for the F.Y. 2017-18 and F.Y. 2018-19 towards the annual membership fees for the F.Y. 2019-20 and F.Y. 2020-21. TERC has also requested for re-assessment of their annual membership fees for the F.Y. 2019-20 & onwards and reducing the same considering the proportionate ratio of the consumers strength in Tripura and maintaining parity among all the SERC(s). In this regard, it was apprised that TERC has paid the annual

membership fees of FOIR for F.Y. 2017-18 on 23.07.2018, F.Y. 2018-19 (waived-off for all Member organizations) and for F.Y. 2019-20 on 07.12.2019. Further, the annual membership fee in FOIR for North-East States is Rs.2 Lakh, which is lesser than the membership for other members (Rs. 4 lakh).

It was further apprised that the proposal for restructuring the membership fees has also been placed as **agenda item 3(c)**, in order to utilise the earmarked funds of FOIR. Dy. Chief (RA), CERC informed that the proposal is to reduce the membership fees from Rs 2.00 Lakh to Rs 50,000 for members from North eastern region and from Rs 4.00 lakh to Rs1.00 lakh for other members. This would ensure that accumulated earmarked funds would be utilized completely during the next three years .Members were apprised that the GB had already agreed to fix the membership fees from this financial year as per the proposal i.e. at Rs. 50,000/- for North Eastern States and Rs. 1 lakh for all other members as it would not only reduce the tax liability, but also result in the full utilization of the earmarked funds. It was also decided in the GB meeting held on 26th June 2020 that those members, who have already paid the membership fees for the current FY as per old rates, should be refunded the excess amount, if any.

After discussion , the General Body approved the proposal for restructuring of membership fee , keeping in view the availability of earmarked funds as at present and decided that the fee shall be restored back to Rs. 2 Lakh and Rs. 4 Lakh whenever significant part of the earmarked funds get utilised . The General Body also agreed that those members who have paid the membership fees for the current financial year at the old rates, would be refunded the excess amount.

On the issue of members seeking concession in fees, Chairperson IBBI added that there should not be any special category of members, except that of the members from the north eastern region. Further, it was also decided by the general body with respect to agenda item 3(a) & 3(b) that the pending membership fees for the previous years are required to be paid by the members as per the old membership fee structure, as the reduced membership fee structure is applicable from the year F.Y. 2020-21.

Agenda 4: Accounts Related Matters:

a) Budget for F.Y. 2020-2021

b) Audited Accounts for F.Y. 2019-2020.

c) Appointment of Auditor for the F.Ys. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

d) Appointment of Tax Consultant for filing the Income Tax Return for the F.Ys. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

e) Status of ongoing IT cases.

f) Status on re-investment of Deposits

g) Various resolutions

a) Budget for F.Y. 2020-2021

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC explained the salient features of the proposed budget for FY 2020-21, with the revised fee structure, which was placed for consideration.

After deliberations, the revised proposed budget based on the revised fee structure was approved.

b) Audited Accounts for F.Y. 2019-2020.

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC gave a brief overview of the audited accounts for the FY 2019-20.

After discussions, the Audited Accounts of FOIR were approved.

c) Appointment of Auditor for the F.Ys. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

As the previous auditor had completed a maximum tenure of 5 years, the appointment of M/s R.S. Gupta and Co. (empanelled with C&AG) as auditors of FOIR for the FY 2019-20 was approved.

d) Appointment of Tax Consultant for filing the Income Tax Return for the F.Ys. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Dy. Chief (RA) briefed the General Body that M/s. MM & Associates, Chartered Accountants, New Delhi, who have been filing the Income Tax Return (ITR) of FOIR for the F.Ys. 2014-15 to 2018-19, have completed their maximum term of 5 years. The proposal of the FOIR Secretariat to seek quotations and appoint a new tax consultant for a specified term was approved by the General Body .

e) Status of ongoing IT cases.

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC updated on the ongoing IT cases financial year wise and how the FOIR Secretariat was regularly following up on the cases through consultants appointed for this purpose. The General Body advised the FOIR Secretariat to pursue the cases for early resolution..

f) Status on re-investment of deposits

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC briefed the General Body that as per the decision taken in the 45th GBM held on 20th June, 2018 and 19th AGM held on 22nd June, 2018, a Sub-Committee was formed for deciding on the investment of surplus funds of FOIR. Accordingly, the Sub-Committee followed the process of inviting quotations from PSU banks and investment in FD was made in the Bank offering the highest interest rate.

The information was noted.

g) Various resolutions

The following resolutions were approved:

- (i) Resolution for authorization of the officials to sign the Audited Annual Accounts and authorization of official for filing various documents with Income Tax Authorities and Registrar of Societies.
- (ii) Resolution for utilization of earmarked funds pertaining to the F.Y.2019-20 amounting to Rs. 64,83,058/-, within next five years i.e. by end of the F.Y. 2024-25.
- (iii) Resolution for Addition/Withdrawal of Authorized Signatories in the bank account of FOIR.
- (iv) Resolution for applying for net banking services, only for the purpose of making income tax related payments, viz. Tax Deducted at Source, Advance Tax and Self-Assessment Tax.
- (v) Resolution for investment of funds of FOIR in PSU bank (in case the investment is done in bank other than the banker of FOIR i.e.. UBI)

Agenda Item 5: Status update on activities conducted by FOIR Centre, IICA during 2019-20 and proposed for year 2020-21.

a) Activities conducted by FOIR Centre, IICA during FY 2019-20.

Director-FOIR Centre, IICA after giving a background on the MoU signed between the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs & Forum of Indian Regulators dated 9th October 2019, gave a brief presentation (**Annexure III**) on the activities conducted by FOIR Centre, IICA during FY 2019-2020.

Below are the activities covered in the presentation:

- Capacity Building Seminar for the officers of regulatory member organizations, Goa (8th – 10th January 2020)
- Colloquium for the Chairpersons/Members of Central Sector Regulators & Conference for the General Body Members of FOIR, Udaipur (21st February 2020).
- FOIR Seminar on Insolvency Issues that affect the functioning of regulators and regulated entities: From the perspective of fraud in insolvency” with HH James Pickering, QC, Enterprise Chambers, London, UK. (6th March 2020)
- Preparation of 3-year Capacity Building Strategic Plan for FOIR.
- Published first issue of FOIR e-newsletter (March 2020)
- On-going activity: International Webinar Series (May-July 2020)

The General Body noted the activities of FOIR Centre, IICA.

b) Proposals by FOIR Centre, IICA for FY 2020-2021 under the MoU signed between IICA and FOIR:

i) Strategic Plan for Capacity Building Programs during FY 2020-21

ii) Three months Certification Course

iii) Proposal for Research/Study

iv) Proposal for webinar & newsletters

a) Strategic Plan for Capacity Building Programs during FY 2020-21

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC placed before the General Body for consideration, along with the budget, the proposals received from the FOIR Centre, IICA on Strategic Plan for Capacity Building Program for the member organizations in three groups i.e. Group 1: Governing Body members of FOIR, Group 2: Regulatory officials and Group 3: Other Regulatory staff of FOIR members. For FY 20-21, the proposal comprised of 4 capacity building programs and 2 Colloquiums.

The issues placed before the AGM for decision were :

- i Themes of the capacity building programs (Group wise and sector wise):
 - Benchmark for regulators,
 - Data driven regulation,
 - Regulatory impact assessment.
- ii. Duration of the programmes, and
- iii. Budget for the programmes.

The General Body directed that the above may be considered after consultation with the concerned sectoral regulators at the time of finalising the program for fine tuning of themes with flexibility of time.

Director-FOIR Centre at IICA also gave a brief presentation elaborating the methodology used & studies conducted for the development of the 3-year capacity building strategic programs. It was also stated that same was being proposed based on the interactions with group of participants and gap analysis.

Members suggested various topics such as Block chain Technology & analytics, training programs on consumer matters, renewable energy (wind & solar power), direct benefit transfer in regulatory sectors, loss of independence of regulators, regulatory capture, Hackathon for participants & similar issues to be included in the capacity building trainings. It was also suggested that the trainings should also be conducted on inter-sector regulatory topics for sharing experiences and benefits derived from one sector with the other.

Director-FOIR Centre, IICA noted the suggestions and clarified that the topics for the capacity building trainings will be fine tuned after consideration of suggestions from the concerned sectoral regulators and members of FOIR. Further, Chairperson CERC suggested that the members of FOIR from different sectors can be invited as resource persons for sharing their experiences with the participants of the capacity building programs. Chairperson also added that the capacity building programme should not only be a theoretical exposition of idea but also should have sharing of practical experience of various experienced regulators across the sector. With these suggestions, the proposal of FOIR Centre, IICA with a budget of Rs 29.20 lakhs was approved.

b) Three months Certificate Course

The Three months certificate course received from FOIR Centre, IICA with proposed topics of “Regulatory governance”, “Regulatory Impact Assessment” and “Regulatory Transparency and Accountability” was placed before the General Body for consideration. The GB members were appraised that the governing body recommended FOIR Centre, IICA to finalise the detailed content of the course only after discussion with Chairperson, IBBI. The General Body concurred with the recommendation of the Governing Body

Director-FOIR Centre, IICA made a brief presentation indicating the participants’ takeaways, methodology, resource persons and course structure of the proposed 3-months Certificate course. It was also highlighted that as suggested in the GB meeting held on 26th June 2020, the feedback will be taken from the participants by IICA.

It was suggested by the general body that, in addition to regular participants in the course, senior members of FOIR may be allowed to join the sessions only as observers. Further, being a long duration course, participants may be allotted topics right in the beginning so that they can do some research and prepare papers which can be considered for assessment of the participants at the end of the course. The General Body also suggested that the batches must be of mix of participants from various sectors. With above suggestions, the proposal of FOIR Centre, IICA for conducting two batches of the certificate course (each batch comprising of 50 participants) at a total budget of Rs 40 lakhs was approved.

c) Proposal for Research/ Study

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC placed the two research/study proposals received from FOIR Centre, IICA for consideration of the General Body i.e. a 6 months research proposal on any one of the subjects suggested by IICA at a budget of Rs7.90 lakhs (excluding taxes) and a 3 months study proposal on “Impact of Covid 19 Pandemic on the working of Regulators” at a budget of Rs. 3.00 lakh (excluding taxes).

The General Body was informed that the Governing body had suggested that the topic for the 6 months research proposal should be finalised in consultation with the Chairman, IBBI after seeking inputs from the FOIR members and the 3-months study should include the future implications of the pandemic on different sectors. Further, Chairperson, TRAI suggested that

the new norms of regulatory functioning such as online working, petition hearings and public hearings which the current covid-19 pandemic has brought about along with best practices adopted by different regulators should be covered in the study.

After discussions, the General Body, subject to above suggestions, approved the budget for the 3 months and 6 months study.

d) Proposal for webinars and newsletters

Dy. Chief (RA) CERC, placed before the General Body the proposal of quarterly webinars with a proposed budget of Rs. 30,000/= (plus taxes) received from the FOIR Centre IICA. It was also informed that the Governing Body had approved the suggestions that members of FOIR may be invited as experts to the webinar, as there are a number of subject specialists in each member organization of FOIR. Further, the Governing Body has also approved the suggestion that IICA should be in regular contact with FOIR members and seek inputs for the topics for the webinars and regular feedback should also be obtained.

Dy. Chief (RA), CERC also updated on the status of issuing newsletters of FOIR, which shall currently be published on bi-monthly basis, instead of monthly basis as was initially proposed by IICA. The cost for issuing newsletters on bi-monthly basis would be Rs 11,500/- (plus taxes) per newsletter.

After discussions, the General Body approved both the proposals, namely, the quarterly webinars and bi-monthly newsletters.

Agenda Item 6: Cross Sector Collaborative Regulation between Telecom Regulator (TRAI) and Electricity Regulators (ERCs) – Reference From TRAI

Advisor (TRAI) gave an overview of the concept of Collaborative Regulation. He informed that up till now, most of the mobile services were vertical in nature and limited to cater to the need of communication services. However, the introduction of 5G technology would require coordination among various sectors. In US and Europe, there exists many collaborations between power sector regulators and telecom sector regulators, primarily to optimally utilize the infrastructures of distribution and transmission of electricity sector for rolling out the 5G

network. He also informed that in many States, electricity network infrastructure is being used for laying the overhead and aerial optical fibre cable for providing the broadband and cable services. Chairperson, CERC informed that CERC has recently given a decision permitting PGCIL to use their towers to host the telecom BTS as per the provisions of the Electricity Act 2003.

The General Body was informed that in order to address the above issues, the Governing Body has proposed formation of a working group comprising of senior officials from CERC, TRAI, two Chairpersons of the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions, representative from the Central Transmission Utility, one telecom licensee and one distribution licensee. Chairperson, Gujarat ERC has already offered to be a member of the working group. The Governing Body had also recommended that the working group could co-opt experts from other organisations, such as NHA and would submit the report within 3 months.

After discussions, the General Body concurred with the recommendations of the Governing Body as above. Chairpersons / Members of Tamil Nadu ERC, Punjab ERC, Tripura ERC and Delhi ERC also requested to be included in the working group, which was agreed to by the General Body. On the suggestion of some members to include cyber security experts in the working group, Chairperson, FOIR/TRAI clarified that such experts could be invited by the working group, if felt necessary.

Chairperson CERC thanked the Chairperson, TRAI for successfully leading the FOIR and making it a vibrant body.

Chairperson, IBBI acknowledged the outstanding contributions of Chairperson, TRAI to the Forum of Indian Regulators. He also thanked the members of FOIR for granting him the opportunity to carry forward the good work of the current Chairperson, FOIR.

Chairperson, TRAI placed on record his appreciation for member of FOIR for their support and the continuous efforts of the FOIR Secretariat.

The General Body members thanked Chairperson, TRAI for his contribution as Chairman, FOIR and wished him all the best for his future endeavours. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair and a virtual photograph was taken.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
OF
FORUM OF INDIAN REGULATORS (FOIR)
HELD ON FRIDAY, THE 10TH JULY, 2020
{ THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING }

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. R.S. Sharma	Chairperson, TRAI & Hony. Chairman, FOIR
2.	Dr. M.S. Sahoo	Chairperson, IBBI & Hony. Vice-Chairman, FOIR
3.	Shri D.K. Sarraf	Chairperson, PNGRB & Hony. Vice-Chairman, FOIR
4.	Shri P.K. Pujari	Chairperson, CERC & Hony. Vice-Chairman, FOIR
5.	Shri Arun Goyal	Member, CERC & Hony. Treasurer, FOIR
6.	Shri S.K. Negi	Chairperson, BERC
7.	Shri Depinder Singh Dhesi	Chairperson, HERC
8.	Shri S.K.B.S. Negi	Chairperson, HPERC
9.	Shri M.K. Goel	Chairperson, JERC for State of Goa & UTs
10.	Shri Ngangom Sarat Singh	Chairperson, JERC for M & M
11.	Shri P.W. Ingty	Chairperson, MSERC
12.	Er. Imlikumzuk Ao	Chairperson-cum-Member, NERC
13.	Shri U.N. Behera	Chairperson, OERC
14.	Shri M. Chandrasekar	Chairperson, TNERC
15.	Shri D. Radhakrishna	Chairperson, TERC
16.	Shri Raj Pratap Singh	Chairperson, UPERC
17.	Shri D.P. Gairola	Officiating Chairperson & Member (Law), UERC
18.	Shri Sutirtha Bhattacharya	Chairperson, WBERC
19.	Shri T.S. Balasubramanian	Chairperson (I/C), TAMP
20.	Shri P. Raja Gopal Reddy	Member, APERC
21.	Shri Satyendra Nath Kalita	Member, AERC
22.	Ms. Bulbuli Barthakur	Member, AERC
23.	Shri Ramesh Kumar Choudhary	Member, BERC
24.	Shri Arun Kumar Sharma	Member, CSERC
25.	Shri Vinod Deshmukh	Member, CSERC
26.	Shri Ashok Kumar Singhal	Member, DERC
27.	Shri Akhilesh Kumar Ambasht	Member, DERC
28.	Shri P.J. Thakkar	Member, GERC
29.	Shri Naresh Sardana	Member, HERC

30.	Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh	Member, HPERC
31.	Shri Rabindra Narayan Singh	Member, JSERC
32.	Shri Pravas Kumar Singh	Member, JSERC
33.	Shri Mukul Dhariwal	Member, MPERC
34.	Shri Iqbal MazharhussainBohari	Member, MERC
35.	Shri Mukesh Khullar	Member, MERC
36.	Shri Sauri Kant Parhi	Member, OERC
37.	Shri Gajendra Mohapatra	Member, OERC
38.	Ms. Anjuli Chandra	Member, PSERC
39.	Shri Suresh Chandra Dinkar	Member, RERC
40.	Shri Prithviraj	Member, RERC
41.	Shri BandaruKrishnaiah	Member, TSERC
42.	Shri M.D. Manohar Raju	Member, TSERC
43.	Shri Kaushal Kishore Sharma	Member, UPERC
44.	Shri V.K. Srivastava	Member, UPERC
45.	Shri M.K. Jain	Member, UERC
46.	Shri Durgadas Goswami	Member, WBERC
47.	Dr. Navrang Saini	Member, IBBI
48.	Shri Satpal Garg	Member, PNGRB
49.	Dr. H.L. Bajaj	Ex-Chairperson, CEA
50.	Dr. Pramod Deo	Ex-Chairperson, CERC
51.	Shri P.D. Sudhakar	Ex-Chairperson, DERC
52.	Shri Pravinbhai Patel	Ex-Chairperson, GERC
53.	Shri V.S. Ailawadi	Ex-Chairperson, HERC
54.	Shri Jagjeet Singh	Ex-Chairperson, HERC
55.	Dr. V.K. Garg	Ex-Chairperson, JERC for State of Goa & UTs
56.	Shri C. Balakrishnan	Ex-Chairperson, KSERC
57.	Shri V.P. Raja	Ex-Chairperson, MERC
58.	Shri ManoranjanKarmakar	Ex-Chairperson, TERC
59.	Shri Niharendu Chakraborty	Ex-Chairperson, TERC
60.	Shri Tapan Chatterjee	Ex-Member, AERC
61.	Shri G.S. Rajamani	Ex-Member, CERC
62.	Shri V.S. Verma	Ex-Member, CERC
63.	Shri B.P. Singh	Ex-Member, DERC
64.	Shri DebashishMajumdar	Ex-Member, HERC
65.	Ms. NeerjaMathur	Ex-Member, JERC for State of Goa & UTs
66.	Shri Anil Kumar Jha	Ex-Member, MPERC
67.	Shri Jayant Deo	Ex-Member, MERC
68.	Shri A. Velayutham	Ex-Member, MERC
69.	Shri Deepak Lad	Ex-Member, MERC
70.	Shri Aswini Kumar Das	Ex-Member, OERC
71.	Shri Gurinder Jit Singh	Ex-Member, PSERC
72.	Shri V.K. Khanna	Ex-Member, UERC
73.	Shri Sanoj Kumar Jha	Secretary, CERC & Executive Secretary, FOIR
74.	Dr.SushantaK. Chatterjee	Chief (RA), CERC

75.	Ms. Rashmi SomasekharanNair	Deputy Chief (RA), CERC
76.	Shri Arun Kumar	Executive Treasurer, FOIR

SPECIAL INVITEES		
1	Dr.Abha Yadav	Director, FOIR Centre, IICA
2	Shri Sunil Kumar Singhal	Advisor, TRAI

PROPOSED GOVERNING BODY OF "FOIR"

FOR THE YEAR 2020 - 21

Name & Designation	Date of Appointment in Regulatory Commission / Authority	Date of Retirement in Regulatory Commission / Authority
Hony. Chairman		
Dr. R.S. Sharma Chairperson, TRAI	10.08.2015	30.09.2020*
Hony. Vice-Chairman		
Dr. M.S. Sahoo Chairperson, IBBI	01.10.2016	30.09.2021
Mr. D.K. Sarraf Chairperson, PNGRB	04.12.2017	03.12.2020*****
Mr. P.K. Pujari Chairperson, CERC	01.02.2018	31.01.2021*****
Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta Chairperson, CCI	12.11.2018	25.10.2022
Mr. Balwinder Singh Bhullar Chairperson, AERA	08.07.2019	07.07.2022
Mr. Anand Kumar Chairperson, GERC	02.08.2011	04.04.2021
Mr. S.K.B.S. Negi Chairperson, HPERC	01.10.2015	10.09.2020**
Mr. S.K. Negi Chairperson, BERC	01.10.2015	30.09.2020***
Chairperson, TAMP		
Chairperson, WDRA		
Hony. Members		
Mr. Rajeev Amit Member, BERC	24.08.2015	23.08.2020#
Mr. P.J. Thakkar Member, GERC	13.10.2015	12.10.2020###

Mr. Rabindra Narayan Singh Member, JSERC	05.02.2016	09.01.2021####
Mr. Santokh Singh Sarna Member, PSERC	15.02.2016	18.09.2020##
Vacant, Central Infrastructure Sector		
Vacant, Financial Sector		
Hony. Secretary		
Mr. Indu Shekhar Jha Member, CERC	21.01.2019	20.01.2022
Hony. Treasurer		
Mr. Arun Goyal Member, CERC	07.04.2020	06.04.2023

***Dr. M.S. Sahoo, Chairperson, IBBI will replace Dr. R.S. Sharma, Chairperson, TRAI (on completion of his tenure) and will serve as Hony. Chairman, FOIR (from 01.10.2020 to 30.09.2021).**

****Mr. U.N. Behera, Chairperson, OERC will replace Mr. S.K.B.S. Negi, Chairperson, HPERC and will serve as Hony. Vice-Chairman (from 11.09.2020 to 15.01.2022).**

*****Mr. M.K. Goel, Chairperson, JERC for UTs will replace Mr. S.K. Negi, Chairperson, BEREC and will serve as Hony. Vice-Chairman (from 01.10.2020 to 16.09.2021).**

******New Chairperson, PNGRB will replace Mr. D.K. Sarraf, Chairperson, PNGRB (on completion of his tenure) and will serve as Hony. Vice-Chairman (from the date of joining PNGRB).**

*******New Chairperson, CERC will replace Mr. P.K. Pujari, Chairperson, CERC (on completion of his tenure) and will serve as Hony. Vice-Chairman (from the date of joining CERC).**

#Mr. Ramesh Kumar Choudhary, Member, BEREC will replace Mr. Rajeev Amit, Member, BEREC and will serve as Hony. Member (from 24.08.2020 – 07.08.2021).

##Air Vice Marshal Sauri Kant Parhi, Member, OERC will replace Mr. Santokh Singh Sarna, Member, PSERC and will serve as Hony. Member (from 19.09.2020 – 03.11.2021).

###Mr. Arun Kumar Sharma, Member, CSERC will replace Mr. P.J. Thakkar, Member, GERC and will serve as Hony. Member (from 13.10.2020 – 22.06.2021).

####Mr. Suresh Chandra Dinkar, Member, RERC will replace Mr. Rabindra Narayan Singh, Member, JSERC and will serve as Hony. Member (from 10.01.2021 – 16.07.2022).

Further, on completion of tenure of Dr. R.S. Sharma, Chairperson, TRAI, the name of new Chairperson, TRAI (from the date of assumption of charge) will be included in the Governing Body of FOIR as Hony. Vice-Chairman.



Annexure-III

IICA FOIR CENTRE ACTIVITIES FY 2019-20



MOU signed between IICA & FOIR on 9th October 2020

Trainings & Conferences

- Capacity building seminar-officers of FOIR member organizations
- Colloquium - Chairpersons/ Members of Central sector regulators
- Conference - General Body members of FOIR
- Seminar – Central sector regulators

Proposed activities

- 3-year Capacity building strategic plan for FOIR
- Quarterly Webinars
- Bi-monthly Newsletters
- 6-month Research/ 3-month Study
- 3-months online Certification course

Other activities

- First e-newsletter of FOIR titled “Regulatory Digest” (March 2020)
- Other administrative activities.

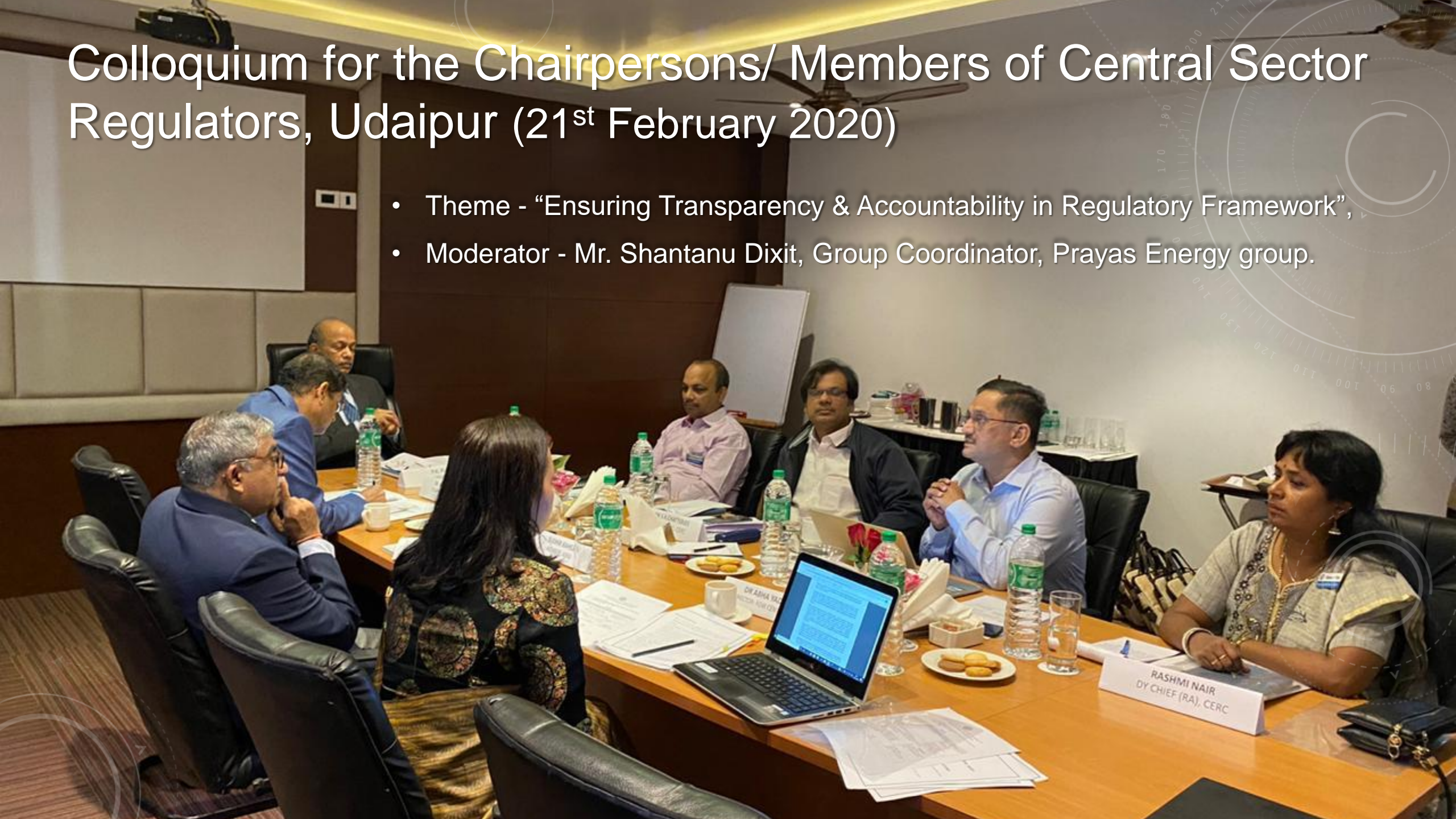
Capacity building seminar for the officers of FOIR member organizations, Goa (8th – 10th January 2020)



- 3 days capacity building seminar at Goa.
- Theme - "Regulatory Impact Assessment"
- Participants - 20
- Participation from IBBI, AERA, PNGRB, CERC etc,
- The Academic and logistic arrangements handled by FOIR Centre, IICA.

Colloquium for the Chairpersons/ Members of Central Sector Regulators, Udaipur (21st February 2020)

- Theme - “Ensuring Transparency & Accountability in Regulatory Framework”,
- Moderator - Mr. Shantanu Dixit, Group Coordinator, Prayas Energy group.



Conference for the General Body Members of FOIR, Udaipur (21st February 2020)

- Session on “Regulatory Performance Evaluation” by Shri R.V Shahi, Former Secretary, Ministry of Power
- Panel discussion on “Inter-sectoral Coordination between different Infrastructure Regulators”.
- Panellists - Shri P.K Pujari, Chairperson, CERC, Shri M.S Sahoo, Chairperson, IBBI and Shri Sudhir Raheja, Member, AERA
- Moderator -Dr. Abha Yadav, Head, School of Competition Law & Market Regulation and Director, FOIR Centre.
- Participation - 85 members



Seminar for Central Sector Chairpersons & Members of FOIR (6th March 2020)

- Theme - “Insolvency issues that affect functioning of Regulators and Regulated Entities: From the perspective of fraud in insolvency”
- Lead talk by Mr. James Pickering, QC, Head of Enterprise Chambers, London,
- Open house discussion
- The participants received insights on how the regulators can play an important role in facilitating and assisting the Insolvency professionals.



Preparation of 3 year Capacity building strategic plan for FOIR

- Objective - Skill development and academic upgradation
- Proposed time frame – 3 years
- Methodology - Market study & research on the regulatory manpower requirements
- Categorization - 3 categories
 - Governing Body members of FOIR,
 - Regulatory officials of FOIR members,
 - Other Regulatory staff of FOIR members
- Training subjects – based on cross-cutting functions and specific functions of regulators.
- Proposed trainings - 4 Capacity building trainings & 2 Colloquiums each year
- Mode of delivery – Online until covid-19 situation in the country normalises.

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Published first issue of FOIR e-newsletter

- Title – Regulatory Digest
- Issue – March 2020 (launch issue)
- Objective – To facilitate dissemination of information
- Contents
 - FOIR Events conferences, workshops, capacity building programmes
 - Regulatory news & trends,
 - Articles
 - Events & Conferences.
- Launched with an inaugural message from Dr. R.S Sharma, Hony. Chairperson FOIR & Chairman, TRAI.

On-going activity - International webinar series

"Better Regulation Framework in UK and the Role of Regulatory Policy Committee"
20th May, 2020



Mr. Stephen Gibson

Board Member & Interim Chair of the UK Government's Regulatory Policy Committee

"Regulation of Digital Assets"
27th May, 2020



Ms. Loretta Joseph

Fintech Advisor to Mauritius Government's Financial Services Commission

"Competition Law & Blockchain"
3rd June, 2020



Dr. Thibault Schrepel

Faculty Associate, Harvard University & Assistant Professor, European Economic Law, Utrecht University School of Law, Netherlands

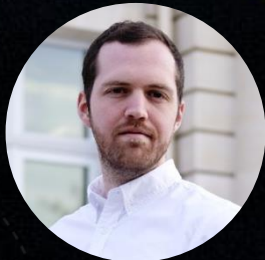
"Digital Markets & Competition Law"
10th June, 2020



Mr. Ariel Ezrachi

Slaughter and May Professor of Competition Law & Director, Centre for Competition Law and Policy at University of Oxford

"Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Socioeconomic and Financial Impact of Regulations"
17th June 2020



Mr. Eric Thomson

Founder, Envelope Economics & Ex-OECD Regulatory expert

"Regulatory Policy and Ensuring Quality of Regulations in OECD Countries"
24th June 2020



Mr. Daniel Trnka

Senior Policy Analyst at Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

"Electricity Tariffs: Choices & Barriers"
1st July, 2020



Dr. Pradyumna Bhagwat

Head of Research-Global initiative, Florence School of Regulation, Italy

Thank you !!



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