

MINUTES OF THE 31ST GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF
FORUM OF INDIAN REGULATORS (FOIR)

VENUE: The Trident Hotel, Mumbai (Maharashtra)

DATE: 13th September, 2012

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Pramod Deo, Chairperson, CERC/Hony. Chairman, FOIR. The list of participants is **enclosed** as **Annexure - I.**

2. Shri Rajiv Bansal, Secretary, CERC/Executive Secretary, FOIR welcomed all the Members to the Governing Body Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on 01st March, 2012 at Ahmedabad.

Minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 01st March, 2012 were discussed and confirmed with following suggestions :-

- Shri Rajiv Bansal informed the members that M/s. Deloitte, the Consultant has submitted the Final Report on "Assessing the Capacity Building Requirements for Regulatory Staff" which was discussed and adopted in the 13th AGM of FOIR. It was decided that other Regulators must undertake a study on the Staffing pattern based on the outcomes of the study conducted by M/s. Deloitte.
- CERC has initiated the process of amendment to its staffing regulations in line with the recommendations of the study. CERC Chairperson may write to the Chief

Secretary and Minister of Power may be requested to write to CM's of states to adopt the FOIR recommended staffing model.

- Need for functional and financial autonomy was reiterated. Chairperson, CERC informed that the Union Minister of Power is being approached to take forward the FOIR recommendations on the findings of the Administrative Reforms Committee (ARC- II)

Agenda Item No. 2: Discussion on the Proposal of Setting Up a Regulatory Research Institute.

One of the recommendations of the study conducted by M/s Deloitte on "Assessing the Capacity Building Requirements for Regulatory Staff" was to set up a Regulatory Research Institute (RRI) . Secretary, CERC highlighted the salient features of the suggested framework of the Institute as outlined in M/s Deloitte's report on "Assessing the Capacity Building Requirement of Regulatory Staff".

It was suggested that RRI could initially be set up in association with an academic institution like IIM, MDI, ASCI etc., following which an independent Research Institute could be set up. After discussion it was agreed that a Concept Paper be prepared and an Expression of Interest (EOI) may be invited from reputed academic institutions like IIMs, MDI, ASCI, NPTI, TERI etc. for housing/ extending academic support to the RRI.

It was informed that a Workshop / Regional Conference of "FOIR" will be held on 05th October, 2012 at Ranchi (Jharkhand).

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

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING
OF
FORUM OF INDIAN REGULATORS (FOIR)
HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER , 2012 AT MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA)

S. No.	NAME	ORGANIZATION
01.	Dr. Pramod Deo Chairperson	CERC
02.	Shri S. Krishnan Chairperson	PNGRB
03.	Shri Jayanta Barkakati Chairperson	AERC
04.	Shri S. Jayaraman Member	CERC
05.	Shri V.S. Verma Member	CERC
06.	Shri C.S. Sharma, Member	MPERC
07.	Shri C.R. Sekhar Reddy Member	APERC
08.	Shri Rajiv Bansal Secretary	CERC
09.	Shri Sushanta K. Chatterjee Deputy Chief (RA)	CERC