

Dear TEPC Members,

I have been designated as Returning Officer for conducting next Governing Council elections of TEPC.

The two-year term of the current Governing Council of TEPC is coming to an end in January, 2021. As decided in the AGM of TEPC held on July 29, 2020, a new Governing Council is to be elected by eligible members of TEPC for a period of next two years. It has been decided to hold elections, and to elect Governing Council members on December 07, 2020 through e-voting. Elected Governing Council members will be eligible to contest for the positions of Vice -Chairperson. The election for Vice Chairperson shall be held after the GC elections.

Member companies that have completed two consecutive terms can apply for Governing Council positions only after a gap of two years. [\(Clause of the R&R refers\)](#). Elections of the Governing Council shall be conducted based on the Rules and Regulations and decision made in this matter in the AGM.

In accordance with Rules and Regulations of TEPC Bye Laws, I hereby invite nominations in prescribed Application forms (**Annex I**) as per election schedule for the 10 (Ten) Governing Council positions. Eligibility criteria for members are as follows:

2. TEPC Bye Laws has following provisions related to election:

“4. Eligibility for Elections

4.1 *Right to vote, etc, confined to ordinary members*

Only an ordinary member shall have the right to vote at, or to offer himself as a candidate at elections to various positions in the TEPC.

4.2 *Eligibility of ordinary members*

A candidate for election to any position in the Council must satisfy the following conditions namely;

a) *He, or the entity represented by him, must have, to his or its credit, during the one financial year immediately preceding, exports of the products of not less than the amount mentioned below:*

(i) *Small scale industries Rs.25 lakhs*

(ii) *Others Rs.1 crore*

b) *Where a person is standing for election as Chairman or Vice Chairman or Regional Chairman etc, he, or the entity represented by him, must have, to his or its credit, during the one financial year immediately preceding, exports of the product, of not less than rupees 2 crores.”*

3. Members attention is also drawn to Rule 10 of the TEPC Rules and Regulations about the Authorization for Representation of firm which is reproduced below:

10. REPRESENTATION OF FIRM

10.1 *Authorization*

- a. Any firm that is a member of TEPC shall, by consent of all partners, authorize any one of its partners to act as its representative at any meetings of the TEPC or of the Governing Council.*
- b. In the absence of any such authority in the case of any firm, any one partner whose name has been registered in the records of the TEPC shall be entitled to act as a representative of the firm at any meeting of the TEPC or of the Governing Council.*
- c. Any Company or Co-operative society or other Corporation which is a member of TEPC shall, by a resolution of its Directors (or any person in the position of Directors) authorize any of its Director or any person to act as its representative at any meeting of the TEPC or of the Governing Council.*
- d. A sole proprietary firm or Hindu undivided family firm shall be represented by its proprietor or Karta, as the case may be or as may be authorized on their behalf by the firm or HUF.*
- e. A person authorized to represent an entity by or under clause (a) (b) (c) or (d) of this Rule shall thereupon be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the member whom he represents, as if he were an individual member of the TEPC, of the same class as the firm, company, society or other corporation, as the case may be.*
- f. Any authority granted under clause (a) or (c) of this Rule shall be effective, only on expiry of seven days from the date on which it is lodged with the TEPC.*

4. Members eligible to vote

According to Department of Commerce Office Memorandum No. 12/2/2013-E&MDA dated December 7, 2015, E-voting should be done by all members eligible to vote. TEPC has decided all members are eligible to vote this year.

5. Applicable forms and other information, including the complete election schedule, are given in the Annexure to this Election Notice. Please send your scanned copy of nomination(s) addressed to the Shri R. K. Pathak, DDG (IC), DoT, the TEPC Designated Returning Officer and by email to ddgic-dot@gov.in with copy to TEPC secretariat at tepc@telecomepc.in on or before November 27, 2020 up to 17:00 hrs with hard copy by post to TEPC Secretariat.

6. Request for withdrawal of the nominations should be sent to the undersigned on or before December 1, 2020 up to 12:00 hrs.

7. Objections to nominations, if any, can also be mailed to the Returning Officer by December 3, 2020 up to 12:00 hrs. Final list of eligible candidates will be intimated on December 4, 2020 by 17:30 hrs through email to all eligible members' representative.

8. The process of election will be completed with the help from the TEPC Secretariat.

Regards

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