

NABCB signs MoU with BEE



The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) has signed an MoU with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on 28 May 2018 to provide accreditation services to support BEE's regulatory and voluntary frameworks. To begin with, NABCB would provide accredited certification services through NABCB accredited Product Certification Bodies who will carry out activities as Independent Agencies for Monitoring and Evaluation to support implementation of BEE's hugely popular Standards & Labelling (S&L) Programme for star rating of electrical appliances.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Anil Jauhri, CEO, NABCB and Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Secretary, BEE in presence of Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Mr. Raj Pal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, Mr. Ajay Mathur, DG, TERI and Mr. Abhay Bakre, DG, BEE.

Speaking on the occasion of signing of the MoU, Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahai stated that association with NABCB will enable BEE achieve its objective of providing the consumer an informed choice about energy saving in an independent and prompt manner.

Mr. Ajay Mathur in his address, stated that BEE's association with NABCB is a demonstration of maturity of BEE's S&L Programme and would enable BEE to keep at an arm's length with the evaluation process for the entities being regulated being handled by independent third party agencies.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ajay Bakre expressed the hope that association with NABCB would not only strengthen the implementation of the Standards & Labeling Programme of BEE but also provide a possibility of international equivalence for the programme.

Mr. Anil Jauhri stated that accredited conformity assessment is now widely utilized by governments and regulators across the world because of its obvious benefits of independence and international equivalence. He mentioned about the voluntary Energy Star Programme of US Environment Protection Agency which uses accredited third party certification model and suggested to BEE to scale up S&L Programme to an international level.

In his vote of thanks, Mr. Sameer Pandita, Director, BEE thanked the Ministry of Power for providing all support for S&L Programme.