

# **LEAN QUALITY CIRCLE**

*In the recent economic down trend, the world over, the conditions have necessitated Lean thinking in every aspect of our working.*

*'Lean' simply means a systematic approach to identifying all types of waste and optimum utilization of available resources, continuous improvement, ensuring smooth flow of the product in the supply and manufacturing chain and meeting customers demand.*

*In short, '**Lean**' is about "**doing more with less**" – less inventory, less time, less space, less movement, less man hours and with less money. Lean is speed with which one can deliver a quality product or service by 'doing a job right first time'. '**Quality Circles Concept**' started in 1962 in Japan as Quality Control Circles and since 1982, India is practicing*

*This made **Mr. D K Srivastava**, Executive Director, QCFI to evolve a **new concept – Lean Quality Circle (LQC)** and presented in the Board Meeting held March, 2010. After their approval, the concept was implemented in few organizations on trial basis in Units of Parle & NTPC a case study portraying the problem solving techniques using **LQC methodology** were presented in the Board Meeting held in September, 2010 and was well appreciated .*