

**Table 1 Thematic framework for qualitative arm**

<b>Sr. no.</b>	<b>Themes</b>	<b>Subthemes</b>
1	Strengths of the RTR system	Addition of video meetings Logistic advantages of RTR system Presence of co-opted members Increased recognition of NBC-REC
2	Challenges of the RTR system	Roadblocks in initiating the system Difficulties in time management Poor quality of proposals Lack of preparedness External pressures
3	Sustainability of the RTR system	N/A

*N/A = not available; NBC-REC = National Bioethics Committee Research Ethics Committee; RTR = rapid turnaround review.*