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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi, the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.**

**NOTIFICATION**

**No. A.43011/17/2005-Adm.I:-** In pursuance of Cabinet Secretariat's U.O. No. 511/2/2/2005-CA.III dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2005, a National Knowledge Commission to the Prime Minister is constituted with the following composition, terms of reference and other modalities:-

**1. COMPOSITION**

- (i) Shri Sam Pitroda, Chairperson
- (ii) Dr. Pushp Bhargav, Vice-Chairperson
- (iii) Shri Nandan Nilekani, Member
- (iv) Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Member-Convenor
- (v) Dr. Andre Beteille, Member
- (vi) Dr. Jayoti Ghosh, Member
- (vii) Shri Ashok Ganguly, Member
- (viii) Dr. Deepak Nayyar, Member

All Members of the Commission would be on part-time basis and would not claim any salary for their association with the Commission.

**2. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- a) Build excellence in the educational system to meet the knowledge challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and increase India's competitive advantage in fields of knowledge.
- b) Promote creation of knowledge in S&T laboratories.
- c) Improve the management of institutions engaged in intellectual property rights.
- d) Promote knowledge applications in agriculture and industry.
- e) Promote the use of knowledge capabilities in making government an effective, transparent and accountable service provider to the citizen and promote widespread sharing of knowledge to maximize public benefit.

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### **3. TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

The Technical Support provided to the Commission would be as follows:

A Technical Support Group for assisting the National Commission would be set up hiring on-contract 10 young professionals from premier educational institutions like the Indian Institutes of Management or Indian Institutes of Technology. This would be the support team that would assist the Commission. A lump sum grant would be provided in the budget of the Planning Commission to pay for their services. The National Knowledge Commission would be free to evolve appropriate terms of engagement of this support team. Two or three officials handpicked for their interest in this area would be seconded to the Commission by the Government for administrative coordination as Officers on Special Duty. The lump sum fund given to the Commission would also meet expenditure on hiring space, travel and stay arrangements of the Members while on work and all expenditure deemed necessary for the effective functioning of the Commission.

### **4. CO-OPT EXPERTS**

The Commission would be free to co-opt experts to associate with it in the management of its tasks.

### **5. METHOD OF OPERATION:**

The Commission will address its Terms of Reference through Working Groups to be constituted by the Ministry connected with each Term of Reference.

S.No.	Term of Reference	Working Group (to be convened by)
1.	Building excellence in the educational system to meet the knowledge challenges of the 21 <sup>st</sup> century and increase India's competitive advantage in fields of knowledge	Ministry of HRD
2.	Promote creation of knowledge in S&T laboratories	Ministry of S&T
3.	Improve the management of institutions engaged in intellectual property	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
4.	Promote knowledge applications in agriculture and industry	Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Commerce and Industry
5.	Promote the use of knowledge capabilities in making government an effective, transparent and accountable service provider to the citizen and promote widespread sharing of knowledge to maximize public benefit	Department of IT

## **6. OVERSIGHT MECHANISM**

The Oversight Mechanism of the Commission would be provided as under:-

A National Steering Group\_for the National Knowledge Commission would be created under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister with the following as Members:-

- (i) Minister of Human Resource Development
- (ii) Minister of Agriculture
- (iii) Minister of Commerce and Industry
- (iv) Minister of Communication and Information Technology
- (v) Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
- (vi) Minister of State for Science and Technology

## **7. DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINES**

The expected deliverables of the Commission would be as follows:

The Knowledge Commission would by 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2005 develop a set of clear deliverables after catalyzing and interacting with the Working Groups and make public its 36 month plan for 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2005 to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2008.

The National Knowledge Commission will wind itself up on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2008 with a report on tasks done.

## **8. MANAGEMENT SUPPORT**

The Management Support to the Commission would be as follows:

The Planning Commission will be the nodal agency for the National Knowledge Commission for administrative, logistic, planning and budgeting purposes as well as for handling Parliament related responses.

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13. Minister of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
14. Minister of Agriculture, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
15. Minister of Commerce and Industry, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi.
16. Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi.
17. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.
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