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Planning Commission
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Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi – 110 001.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Eleventh Five Year (2007-2012) – Setting up of a Working Group on the 'Empowerment of Other Backward Classes (OBC)'.

In the context of the formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012), the Chairman of the Steering Committee on Empowering the Socially Disadvantage Groups has decided to set up a Working Group on 'Empowering the Other Backward Classes (OBCs)'. The Composition of the Working Group is as follows:

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Delhi
2. **Representative,** Member
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
Nirman Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 011.
3. **Representative,** Member
Department of Elementary Education
& Literacy,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
4. **Representative,** Member
Department of Secondary Education,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.

5. **Representative,** Member
Ministry of Labour,
Shram Shakti Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
6. **Representative,** Member
Department of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
7. **Representative,** Member
Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation,
Krishi Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
8. **Representative,** Member
Ministry of Small Scale &
Agro Industries,
Udyog Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
9. **Representative,** Member
Ministry of Women & Child Dev.,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
10. **Representative,** Member
Ministry of Urban Affairs &
Poverty Alleviation,
Nirman Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
11. **Representative,** Member
BC & TD Division,
Planning Commission,
New Delhi – 110 001.
12. **Secretary,** Member
Department of Welfare,
Govt. of Haryana,
Chandigarh.
13. **Secretary,** Member
Department of Welfare,
Govt. of Jharkhand,
Ranchi.

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14. **Secretary,**
Welfare Department of SC,
ST and OBCs,
Govt. of Rajasthan,
Jaipur. Member
15. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of Social Welfare,
Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,
Lucknow. Member
16. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of Vimukta Jati, Nomadic
Tribes, Other Backward Classes and
Special Backward Classes
Welfare Department,
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Mumbai. Member
17. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of Welfare,
Govt. of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur. Member
18. **Representative,**
National Backward Classes Finance
& Development Corporation,
NCUI Building, 5th floor,
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New Delhi – 110 016. Member
19. **Representatives**
State Commission for OBCs,
Patna (Bihar). Member
20. **Representative**
Karnataka State BC Commission
Banglore Member
21. **Representative**
BC Commission
Uttar Pradesh
Lucknow Member

22. Prof. M.N. Karna Member
C/O A.N. Sinha Institute of Social
Studies
Patna (Bihar).
23. Prof. Tulsi Patil Member
Department of Sociology
Delhi School of Economics
University of Delhi, Delhi
24. **Shri M.B. Kumar,** Member
Andhra Pradesh Stone-cutters,
Earth-workers & Masons Association,
Hyderabad.
25. **Mrs Sushila Pandian** Member
Programme Director
Community Action for Social
Transformation
Poothathamkudairruppu, kalakad,
Trinulvelli District
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26. **Dr.Ramjee Lal** Member
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27. **Joint Secretary,** Convener
In-charge of OBC Welfare,
Ministry of Social Justice
& Empowerment,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.

The Terms of Reference of the Working Group will be as follows:

- i) to review the existing approach, strategies and priorities; the on-going programmes and their implementation for empowerment of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and suggest rationalization, minimization of the on-going related programmes and effective inter-sectoral convergence;

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- ii) to identify neglected areas and groups; gaps, weakness and bottlenecks in the implementation; and take note of the persisting and emerging problems/situations related to welfare, protection, development and empowerment of Other Backward Classes in the changing scenario situation and suggest necessary interventions;
- iii) To review the implementation of the existing legislations related to OBCs and mechanisms for their enforcement and suggest corrective measures.
- iv) To review the functioning of the existing Institutional Arrangements, both at the Central and State levels for implementation of policies and programme for empowering OBCs and suggest measures to make them more effective.
- v) To review and assess the involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Local Self Government Bodies and NGOs in the implementation of programmes for empowering OBCs and suggest measures for their effective involvement in planning process;
- vi) To ensure and enhance the empowerment of the OBC as envisaged in NCMP (National Common Minimum Programme) while considering the above MTAs (Mid-Term Appraisal) Major recommendations may also be kept in view; and
- vii) To review the physical and financial achievements in relation to the targets fixed under various programmes for OBCs during the Ninth Plan and project programme-wise requirements, both physical and financial for Empowering the OBCs during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12)

3. The Chairman of the Working Group, if necessary, may constitute Sub-Groups on any specific area/problem and also co-opt additional Members.

4. The Working Group shall submit its Report positively by September, 2006.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group will be borne by the parent Department/Ministry Organization to which the officers belong. Non-official members will be entitled to TA/DA as admissible to

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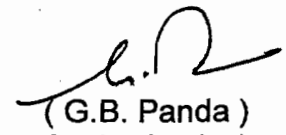
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Adviser (Social Justice)

To:

Chairman and all the Members of the Working Group.

Copy to:

1. PS to Deputy Chairman
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3. PS to Secretary
4. All Heads of Divisions
5. Joint Secretary (PC & Admn.)
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