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Government of India
Planning Commission
(Rural Development Division)

Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi, May 29, 2006.

Subject : Setting up of an Expert Group on "Equitable Development" for the Eleventh Five Year Plan

It has been decided to set up an Expert Group on "Equitable Development" for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

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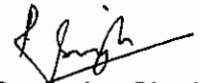
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3) The Terms of References of the Expert Group shall be as follows:

1. To review the categorization of backward areas in place under various programmes and projects and suggest criteria for identification of backward areas for intervention by the Centre and States in Eleventh Five Year Plan and also suggest the appropriate unit (state / district / block) for such identification.
2. Analyze the causes that have contributed to chronic poverty and to low growth / development in the identified backward areas.
3. Identify the institutional and structural factors that have inhibited development of backward regions and suggest alternative institutional framework to overcome structural constraints.
4. Examine laws, policies, administrative practices and procedures etc., responsible for uneven pattern of development and suggest measures that would promote equitable development.

5. Map out linkages of liberalization, globalization and transmission mechanisms that have an impact on the development profile of backward regions and suggest strategies for meeting the challenges.
 6. Analyze the role of urbanization as a driver of development; linkages of the urban conglomerates with hinterland and suggest measures for strengthening rural urban linkages that could promote more equitable development.
 7. Any other matter that the Group may deem necessary.
- 4) The Chairman of the Expert Group may decide upon its own methods necessary for undertaking studies and formulation of proposals for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.
- 5) The Expert Group may co-opt non-officials / experts / representatives of other agencies, if required.
- 6) The expenditure of the official members for attending the meetings of the Expert Group will be borne by the respective parent Department / Ministry / Organizations as per the rules applicable to them. The expenditure regarding TA / DA of non-official Members will be borne by the Planning Commission according to the appropriate rules and practices.
- 7) The Expert Group will submit its final report to the Planning Commission by 15th August, 2006.



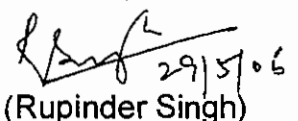
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