

No.M-13055/1/Task Force/2008-MLP
Planning Commission
(MLP Division)

Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi-110 001
Dated: June 16, 2008

ORDER

Subject: Task Force to look into the Problems of Hill States and Hill Areas to suggest ways to ensure that these States and Areas do not suffer in any way because of their peculiarities.

In supersession of the Task Force, set up vide Order of even number dated April 2, 2008, for analyzing the problem of Hill States and Hill Areas and for preparation of a proposal for comprehensive development of these States and Areas over the next three to four years, the revised composition of the Task Force is as under:

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| (i) | Shri G. B. Mukherji, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs | Chairman |
| (ii) | Shri Haukhum Hauzel, Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram | Member |
| (iii) | Shri Lalhuma, Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland | Member |
| (iv) | Shri Deepak Sanan, Principal Secretary, Department of Health, Government of Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| (v) | Dr. Tej Pratap, Vice Chancellor, Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidhyalaya, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| (vi) | Prof. Mahendra P. Lama, Vice Chancellor, Sikkim University | Member |
| (vii) | Shri Sanjoy Hazarika, Managing Trustee, Centre for North Eastern Studies and Policy Research, New Delhi | Member |
| (viii) | Dr. L. M. S. Palni, Director Incharge, G. B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development, Almora | Member |
| (ix) | Dr. Uppeandra Dhar, Former Director, G. B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development, Almora | Member |
| (x) | Principal Adviser (MLP), Planning Commission | Member-Convener |

2. The Terms of Reference of the Task Force will remain the same which are as follows:

- (i) To analyze the problems of hill States and hill areas relating to (a) connectivity (telephone/internet/transport) and (b) social infrastructure;
- (ii) To identify the issues related to environment sustainability and use of land and water resources and their impact on the development process in these States;
- (iii) To identify the norms in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme which need to be relaxed in order to ensure flow of funds to the Hill States.

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- (iv) To identify the requirements for training in various trades for enhancing the employability of educated unemployed youth;
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- (vi) To suggest mechanisms (including PPP) and measures for capacity building which can deliver services more effectively as well as enable transparency and accountability.

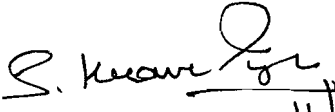
3. The Task Force may entrust an Institution to collect, compile and analyze the findings and recommendations of various academic studies and reports on the subject as well as information as may be required for the preparation of the Report.

4. The Task Force will have powers to coopt institutions and individuals as experts as well as to provide supporting funds for travel to National and International institutions and field sites for getting the work done.

5. For official members, TA/DA will be met from the budgets of their own Departments. In case of non-official members, TA/DA as admissible to Class I officers of the Government of India will be borne by the Planning Commission.

6. The Task Force will submit its report within six months from the date of its constitution.

7. The Task Force will be serviced by MLP Division, Planning Commission. Dr. Indu Patnaik, Deputy Adviser (MLP), Planning Commission, Room No. 304, Yojana Bhavan, Tel. No. 23096525, Fax No. 23719900; email ipatnaik@nic.in, will be the nodal officer for this Task Force and any further query / correspondence in this regard may be made with her.


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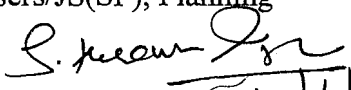
Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

Chairman, Members and Member Convener of the Task Force

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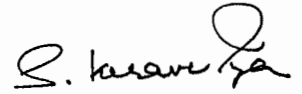
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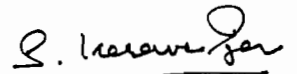
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