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Planning Commission  
(AGRICULTURE DIVISION)

Yojana Bhawan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi-110001, Feb. 10, 2011

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Constitution of the Working Group on “Management of Natural Resources & Rainfed Farming” for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) – regarding.**

It has been decided with the approval of the Competent Authority to set up a Working Group as cited above in the context of preparation of XIIth Five Year Plan with following Composition and Terms of Reference.

1. **Composition**

1	Dr. I.P. Abrol, Chairman, CASA, Ist Floor, NASC Complex DPS Marg, Opp. Todapur Village, New Delhi 110012	Chairman
2	Dr. J. S. Samra, Chief Executive Officer National Rainfed Area Authority, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, NASC Complex, Opp. Todapur Village, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012	Member
3.	Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG(NRM), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi	
4	Dr. P.K. Agarwal, Regional Facilitator, IWMI, NASC Complex, DPS Marg, New Delhi -110012	Member
5	Dr Arabinda Mishra, Director, Earth Science and Climate Change Division, TERI, Darbari Seth Block, IHC Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003, INDIA	Member
6	Kasturi Datta, Senior Scientist INSA, School of Environmental Sciences, JNU, New Delhi	Member
7	Dr. Deepak Sarkar, Director, NBSS&LUP, P.O. Amravati Road, Nagpur - 440010	Member
8	Dr. B. Venkateswarulu, Director, Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad - 500059	Member
9	Smt Anuradha Shukla, Managing Director, U.P.L.D.C., Bhumi Sudhar Nigam, 19PC , Bhumiter Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Luckno-220010.	Member

10	Director, National Remote Sensing Centre, Dept. of Space, Govt. Of India, Balanagar Hyderabad – 500037, Andhra Pradesh	Member
11	Dr. K.V.Sarvesh, Director of Agriculture, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka, No.1, Seshadri Road, Bangalore – 560001.	Member
12	Director, DHAN Foundation, (Development of Humane Action) 18, Pillaiyar Koil Street, S.S.Colony, Madurai – 625 010	Member
13.	Dr. M.M. Roy, Director, Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur - 342003	Member
14	Dr. D.K. Marotia, 19, professor Colony, Krishi Nagar, Raipur – 492006, Chattisgarh	Member
15	Dr. V. Rattna Reddy, Director, Livelihood & Natural Resource Management Institute, 12-2-417/18, Sarda Nagar, Mehdiapatnam, Hyderabad, 500067	Member
16	Dr.N.S.Pasricha, 219-C, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana – 141012	Member
17	Secretary, (MoEF) or his rep. Deptt. of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
18	Smt. Savita Anand, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development Department of Land Resources, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
19	Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
20	Dr Samsher Singh, Former Addl. Commissioner (NRM), DAC, krishi Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
21	Dr. S.K. Gupta, project Coordinator (Salinity), Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Kachawa Road, Karnal-132001	Member
22	Dr Veer Pal, Sr Joint Commissioner, Ministry of Water Resources , Room No. 242-B, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi <a href="mailto:drveerpal@yahoo.co.in">drveerpal@yahoo.co.in</a>	Member
23	Dr Ashwani Kumar, Director, Directorate of Water Management, Bhubneshwar (Orissa)	Member
24	Dr. A.K. Sikka, Technical Expert, (Water Shed Development), National Rainfed Area Authority, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, NASC Complex, Opp. Todapur Village, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012	Member
25	Joint Secretary, (RFS/NRM), DAC, Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi	Member Secretary

## **2. The Terms of Reference (Specific)**

- 2.1 To critically review the performance and impact of ongoing programmes by the various Central Minisries/Departments for the development of natural resources, regeneration of degraded lands and wastelands, reclamation of saline and acid soil, mines spoils , and soil and water conservation.
- 2.2 To recommend decentralization of the ongoing and future programmes relating to management of natural resources and ensure their convergence in the field.
- 2.3 Whether the benefits of such programmes have been equitable and Have been met and to recommend strategies to ensure equity for resource poor farmers.
- 2.4 To recommend ways and means of ensuring sustainability of assets created, and to strengthen the institutions which emerged as components of Management of Natural Resources.
- 2.5 To examine the issue of user rights over common property resources and equitable use of such resources (including water).
- 2.6 To examine the feasibility of providing incentives to the user groups for sustainable use of land and water.
- 2.7 To recommend involvement of PPP mode in management of natural resources.
- 2.8 To suggest appropriate integration of research and technological inputs in NRM.

## **3. Terms of Reference (General)**

- 3.1 The Chairman of the Working Group may co-opt any other official, non-official expert / representative of any organization as a member (s), if required.
- 3.2 The Working Group may also examine and address any other issues which are important but not specifically spelt out in the TORs. The working group may devise its own procedures for conducting its business / meetings.

- 3.3 The expenditure of the members on TA/DA in connection with the meeting of the Working Group or any work incidental to the functions of the Working Group/Sub-Group will be borne by their respective parent Department / Ministry / Organization for official members and by the Planning Commission for non-official members as per entitlement of Class-I Officer of Government of India.
- 3.4 The Working Group will submit its draft report to the Planning Commission by June,2011 and final one in September, 2011.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India

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