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Subject: Constitution of Working Group on Area Programmes for the Formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017)

With a view to formulate the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017) for the Rural Livelihood, Rural Governance and Area Programmes Sector, it has been decided to constitute a Working Group on Area Programmes under the Chairmanship of Shri T.R. Raghunandan. The composition and the terms of reference of the Working Group would be as follows:

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2. The terms of reference of the Working Group are as follows:

i) To review the physical and financial performance of BRGF, BADP & HADP/WGDP and bring out achievements and failures, if any, together with necessary remedial measures.

ii) Examine the planning and implementation mechanisms for these programmes and suggest a framework for participatory planning as per the guidelines of Planning Commission/manual for District Planning.

iii) Suggest a blueprint for restructuring BRGF (District Component) aimed at improving its performance in all respects.

iv) Examine whether BRGF, HADP/WGDP and BADP should continue during the Twelfth Plan and if so, in what form.

v) Suggest the strategies, priorities and allocations for these programmes if they have to continue, along with changes in guidelines which may be required.

vi) Examine whether all the programmes which are aimed at area development should be put under one umbrella BRGF.

vii) Make recommendations regarding the outlays of these programmes.

viii) Any other issue considered relevant by the group.

3. The Working Group will have the powers to co-opt Members who are experts on the subject.

4. The expenditure towards TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group/Steering Committee in respect of the official members will be borne by their respective Ministry/Department. In the case of Non-official Members, expenditure towards their TA/DA would be met by the Planning Commission as admissible to the class 1 officers of the Government of India.


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