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(Development Policy Division)

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New Delhi-110001
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Order

Subject: Working Group on Reforms in the Public Distribution System and Better Targeting of Food Subsidies during the 12th Plan Period

In the context of the formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan, it has been decided to constitute a Working Group on Reforms in the Public Distribution System and Better Targeting of Food Subsidies during the 12th Plan Period.

The composition the Working Group will be as under:

1. Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution - **Chairman**
2. Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices
3. Chairman, Food Corporation of India
4. Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research
5. Economic Adviser (Agriculture), DEA, Ministry of Finance
6. Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission
7. Adviser (Development Policy), Planning Commission
8. Secretary (Food), Government of Bihar
9. Secretary (Food), Government of Assam
10. Secretary (Food), Government of Andhra Pradesh
11. Secretary (Food), Government of Chhattisgarh
12. Joint Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution - **Convener**

Terms of Reference:

1. To review the performance of the Targeted Public Distribution System and suggest measures for reforms in the TPDS.
2. To assess and make suggestions for improving the storage capacity of foodgrains for the 12th Plan period with special emphasis on the North Eastern Region.
3. To suggest measures for rationalizing and better targeting of food subsidies.
4. To assess the coverage of commodities supplied under TPDS keeping in view the nutritional concerns and the need for providing essential items to public at affordable prices.

The Chairman of the Working Group may constitute Sub-Groups and/or co-opt additional members as may be considered necessary.

The expenses towards TA/DA of the official members in connection with the meetings of the Working Group 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 Department of Food and Public Distribution, as admissible to Grade I officers of the Government of India.

The Working Group shall submit its report by July 29, 2011.

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To,

The Chairman & Members of the Working Group.

Copy also to:

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2. P.S. to Minister of State (Planning)
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5. All Principal Advisers/ Sr. Advisers/ Advisers/ HODs, Planning Commission
6. Director (PC), Planning Commission
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