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**Subject:** Constitution of Working Group on Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Governance 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 Development and Governance Sector, it has been decided to constitute a Working Group on Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Governance under the Chairmanship of Shri V. Ramachandran. The composition and the terms of reference of the Working Group would be as follows:

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<td>Shri V. Ramachandran, G-4, Jawahar Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 695041</td>
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<td>Shri A.N.P. Sinha, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj</td>
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<td>Prof. Ajay Dandekar, Institute of Rural Management, P.B. No 60, Anand, 388001</td>
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2. The terms of reference of the Working Group are as follows:

   i) Provide a road map for strengthening district planning during the Twelfth Plan period
   ii) Suggest a comprehensive strategy for Capacity Building of PRIs during the 12th Plan
   iii) Review the performance of PESA and suggest measures for improving its implementation during the 12th Plan period
   iv) Review the performance of FRA and suggest measures for improving its implementation during the 12th Plan period
   v) 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 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 Ministry of Panchayati Raj as admissible to the class 1 officers of the Government of India.


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4. PS to Minister of State (Planning)
5. PS to all Member, Planning Commission
6. PS to Member-Secretary, Planning Commission
7. All Principal Advisers/Sr. Advisers/Advisers/HODs, Planning Commission
8. Director (PC), Planning Commission
9. Administration (General-I) and (General-II), Planning Commission
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