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Government of India  
Planning Commission  
(SER Division)

Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg  
New Delhi-110 001  
Dated the 14.2.2011

**ORDER**

**Subject:** Setting up of a Working Group to explore possibilities of Networking arrangements of Planning Commission with Research Institutes/Universities etc.

It has been decided by the Planning Commission to set up a Working Group to explore possibilities of Networking arrangements of Planning Commission with Research Institutes/Universities etc.

The composition of the Working Group will be as follows:

1.	Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member	Chairperson
2.	Shri Arun Maira, Member	Co-Chairperson
3.	Dr. K.Kasturirangan, Member	Co-Chairperson
4.	Dr.Pronab Sen, Pr.Adviser (PC & MD), Planning Commission	Member Secretary
5.	Shri Chaman Kumar IAS (Retd.) ex AS & FA, Planning Commission	Member
6.	Smt.Sudha P.Rao, Adviser (SER), Planning Commission	Member
7.	Shri R.D.Chouhan, Director (Finance), Planning Commission	Member
8.	Shri Ramesh Kumar, Director (SER) Planning Commission	Convener
9.	Shri S.Mukherjee, Director Planning Commission	Co-Convener

2. The Terms of Reference of the Working Group will be as follows:

- i. To assess Planning Commission's existing relationship with institutions of higher learning, universities, research institutions, research bodies and mechanism for getting feed back on research and findings.
  - ii. Suggest ways for enhancing interaction between Planning Commission and research bodies, think tanks, scholars and academia.
  - iii. To review working of existing Chairs and Units and examine whether they need to be maintained and whether pruning will be possible.
- (b) To take a view on whether the amount of Endowment grant provided by Planning Commission can be increased during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan to any particular university/institution.


- iv. To consider the need for strengthening research capability of institutions for undertaking multidisciplinary research in areas of public policy including scope for commissioned and collaborative studies.
- v. To consider funding needs of such institutions in the light of attracting the best possible talent for such initiatives.
- vi. To consider model MOUs to be signed between Planning Commission and Universities/Institutions, individuals to ensure commitment and compliance.
- vii. Measures to strengthen SER Division including posting of Senior Technical Officers having background orientation of social science in SER Division to co-ordinate and handle the increase in volume of work.

3. The Chairman may co-opt experts for specific tasks. The Group may consider any other issue which it may consider relevant, if felt necessary.

4. The Working Group will submit its report in the Planning Commission by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA of official members of the Working Group will be borne by their respective Ministry/Department of Central Government as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. TA/DA for non-official members will be borne by Planning Commission as per SR 190(a).

6. The Working Group will be serviced by SER Division.

  
(Ramesh Kumar)  
Director (SER)

To

Chairperson and All Members (including Member Secretary) and Convener of the Working Group.

Copy to:

1. PS to Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
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