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This is regarding discussions on Annual Plan 2009-10 of States, which ideally need to be completed before the presentation of the Budgets of the State Governments, so that the Plan priorities are properly reflected in them. With the active cooperation extended by State Governments, discussions on Annual Plan 2008-09 were completed successfully and I solicit your wholehearted cooperation for finalizing the ensuing year's Annual Plan of your State.

2. Adviser (Financial Resources) vide his D.O. letter No. 4/1/2008-FR dated 3rd October, 2008 (copy enclosed) has requested the Finance Secretary of your State to furnish the requisite data to hold discussions on the resources position of the State. The official level resource discussions with the State Governments for Annual Plan 2009-10 will be held in November, 2008. In case of States where Assembly Elections are expected to be held during November- December 2008, these discussions would be scheduled after the elections.

3. I presume you have already initiated the process of preparation of District Plans leading to finalization of State's draft Annual Plan as communicated vide D.O. letter NO. M-13011/1/2006-SP-Co dated 25.8.2006 which conveyed the guidelines for preparation of District plans and their incorporation into the Eleventh Five Year Plan and Annual Plans. Discussions in the Working Groups for the Annual Plans have shown that district planning is still at a nascent stage in most of the States. You are, therefore, requested to ensure that the guidelines issued by us are operationalised. I hope that by now most of the districts would have finalized their Eleventh Five year Plan and Annual Plan. We would appreciate if you could also send us a separate note on the guidelines issued by the State Government for district planning, the processes being followed and the number and names of districts for which plans have been prepared by 15.11.2008.

4. The level of the Centre's Gross Budgetary Support for the Annual Plan 2009-10 is yet to be decided. You may kindly go ahead with the preparation of the draft Annual Plan on the basis of 10% enhancement over the Central Support given to your State in Annual Plan 2008-09.

5. In the last few years the Working Group discussions have been held after the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Minister level meeting for finalization of State's Annual Plan size. It has been observed that this arrangement has not been effective and some States have also requested for holding these

discussions prior to the meeting for finalising the plan size. Accordingly, we propose to hold the Working Group discussions in advance so that the sectoral projections as well as the problems of different sectors could be raised at the high level meeting. The Working Group meeting would be held over two days. On the first day, sectoral issues will be discussed with the concerned Sectoral Advisers of Planning Commission and on the second day, a Wrap up meeting would be taken by the Member, Planning Commission responsible for the State with Chief Secretary and other officials of the States. Thereafter, the Deputy Chairman-Chief Minister level discussion for finalization of Annual Plan size can be held on a mutually convenient date. These meetings are expected to commence from January, 2009. The Planning Commission will issue the Scheme of Financing and Approved Sectoral Outlays within ten days of the aforesaid meeting. I solicit your cooperation for this new arrangement to hold the Annual Plan discussions of States.

6. Joint Secretary (State Plans) in the Planning Commission would shortly forward to your Planning Secretary a set of formats for inviting proposals for Annual Plan 2009-10. We expect to receive the Draft Annual Plan 2009-10 proposals of your State, soon after the meeting on assessment of resources is completed so as to initiate the Working Group discussions and thereafter schedule the Deputy Chairman- Chief Minister level discussions. The Proposed schedule for the Annual Plan exercise for 2009-10 is indicated in Annexure.

7. I do hope that with your cooperation and support it would be possible to complete the Annual Plan exercise for 2009-10 well in time. This will also help the State Governments to implement the Plan in right earnest.

Yours sincerely,

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To,
Chief Secretaries of States/UTs

Schedule for Annual Plan exercise for 2009-10

Official level resource discussions	1 st to 30 th November, 2008
Last date of receipt of draft Plan Documents from States and Union Territories	30 th November, 2008
Two day Working Group discussions	1 st December, 2008 to 7 th January, 2009
Deputy Chairman-Chief Minister level discussions	January-February, 2009
Issue of finalized Sectoral Outlays and Scheme of Financing	Within ten days of the above meeting.