Sub: Task Force on Agriculture Development

In pursuance of decision taken in the first meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog, held on February 8, 2015, a Task Force on Agriculture Development is hereby constituted under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog as follows:

2. The Composition of the Task Force is as under:

   a) Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, GOI
   b) Shri Bibek Debroy, Member NITI Aayog
   c) Dr. Ashok Gulati, Expert
   d) Dr. Ramesh Chand, Expert
   e) Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation, GOI
   f) Secretary, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry & Fisheries, GOI
   g) Secretary, Deptt. of Agri Research and Education, GOI
   h) Secretary, Deptt. of Land Resources, GOI
   i) Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, GOI
   j) Secretary, Ministry of Fertilisers, GOI
   k) Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing, GOI
   l) Special Invitees
   m) Adviser (Agriculture) NITI Aayog
   n) Adviser (Development Policy), NITI Aayog

3. Terms of Reference of the Task Force will be as follows:

   (i) To coordinate and develop synergy with the Central Ministries and State Governments Task Forces,
   (ii) To recommend strategies for re-invigorating Agriculture in all its aspects,
   (iii) To formulate strategies for reforms, innovation and technology diffusion,
   (iv) To identify successful experiments and programmes from which all states and UTs may learn, and
   (v) Any other measures.
4. General

a) The Chairman may co-opt any other official/non-official expert/representative of any organisation as Member to assist the Task Force.

b) The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meeting of the sub-group in respect of a Member or any co-opted official will be borne by the respective Government organisations. However, in case of co-opted non-official persons, they will be entitled for TA/DA as admissible to Grade-I Officials of the Government of India limited to economy class in case of air journey where applicable and the expenditure in this regard would be met by the NITI Aayog.

c) The Task Force will be serviced by Agriculture Division of NITI Aayog.

d) The Task Force will ensure that report of the Task Forces of the States are available by June 15, 2015 and thereafter would process these reports to prepare its own report within next two weeks.

This issues with the approval of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.

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2. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India

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