OFFICE MEMORANDUM


In the context of the formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012), the Chairman of the Steering Committee on Empowering the Socially Disadvantage Groups has decided to set up a Working Group on ‘Empowering the Minorities’. The Composition of the Working Group is as follows:

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3. Representative,
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5. Representative,
Department of AYUSH,
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Chairperson

Member

Member
6. Representative, 
   Department of Secondary Education 
   & Higher Education, 
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   New Delhi – 110 001.

7. Representative, 
   Ministry of Labour, 
   Shram Shakti Bhavan, 
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8. Representative, 
   Deptt. of Rural Development, 
   Krishi Bhavan, 
   New Delhi – 110 001.

9. Representative, 
   Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation, 
   Krishi Bhavan, 
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10. Representative, 
    Ministry of Women and 
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11. Representative, 
    Ministry of Urban Affairs & 
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    Nirman Bhavan, 
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12. Secretary, 
    Department of Welfare for SCs, 
    STs, OBCs and Minorities, 
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18. Representative, 
    Office of the Commissioner for 
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19. Special Secretary, Member
   Minorities Welfare and
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20. Secretary, Member
    Dept. of Scheduled Castes and
    Scheduled Tribes Development,
    Govt. of Andhra Pradesh,
    Hyderabad.

21. Secretary, Member
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    Empowerment,
    Govt. of Rajasthan,
    Jaipur.

22. Secretary, Member
    Deptt. of Welfare for SCs, STs,
    OBCs and Minorities,
    Govt. of West Bengal,
    Kolkata.

23. Secretary, Member
    Deptt. of Social Welfare,
    Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir,
    Civil Secretariat,
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24. Representative, Member
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25. Shri Shabbir Ansari, Member
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26. Prof. Imitiaz Ahmed, Member
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27. Prof. Altaf Khan, Member
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28. Representative, Member
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29. Shri Mohamad Khadas, Member
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30. Representative, Member
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31. Dr. Razia Patel, Member
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32. Dr. (Mrs.) Vimal Thorat, Member
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34. Archbishop of Delhi, Member
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The Terms of Reference of the Working Group will be as follows:

i) to review the existing approach, strategies and priorities; the on-going programmes and their implementation for empowerment of Minorities and suggest rationalization/minimization of the on-going related programmes and effective inter-sectoral convergence;

ii) to identify neglected areas and groups; gaps, weakness and bottlenecks in the implementation; and take note of the persisting and emerging problems/situations related to welfare, protection, development and empowerment of Minorities in the changing scenario and suggest necessary interventions;

iii) To review the implementation of the existing legislations related to Minorities and mechanisms for their enforcement and suggest corrective measures.

iv) To review the functioning of the existing Institutional Arrangements, both at the Central and State levels for implementation of policies and programme for empowering Minorities and suggest measures to make them more effective.

v) To review and assess the involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions/Local Self Government Bodies and NGOs in the implementation of programmes for empowering Minorities and suggest measures for their effective involvement in planning process; and

vi) To review the physical and financial achievements in relation to the targets fixed under various programmes for Minorities during the Tenth Plan and project programme-wise requirements, both physical and financial for Empowering the Minorities during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12)

3. The Chairman of the Working Group, if necessary, may constitute Sub-Groups on any specific area/problem and also co-opt additional Members.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group will be borne by the parent Department/Ministry Organization to which the officers belong. Non-official members will be entitled to TA/DA as admissible to Grade-I Officers of the Government of India and this will be paid by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

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To:
Chairperson and all the Members of the Working Group:

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