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PLAN: WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION

D.O.No. PC(P)1/9/40/96-WG(Rt.)

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Dear Shri Prasad,

Please refer to the D.O. letter number N/11011/9/96-PC dated 4th October, 1996 from Member Secretary, Planning Commission regarding formulation and submission of Ninth Plan proposals. It has been decided to hold official level Working Group discussions pertaining to 9th Plan for your Union Territory on 24th September, 1997 at 10.00 A.M. in Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.

2. The format of these Working Group discussions would be on the same lines as in previous years. However, the focus would be on discussing important sectoral issues, performance in 8th Plan, strategy during the 9th Plan, likely private sector investments etc. The working groups would also decide sectoral allocations and earmarking required for important schemes/ projects. Since no separate working group discussions were held for Annual Plan 1997-98, these discussions would also be utilised for making a review of sectoral provisions made for Annual Plan 1997-98.

3. A set of formats devised for submission of Ninth Plan proposals was sent by me vide my D.O. letter No. PC(P)1/9/4/96-GD dated 22nd October, 1996. We have not received the Ninth Plan proposals as per the formats from your UT. As you are aware the sectoral allocations of the Ninth Plan have to be discussed within the Ninth Plan size as agreed to in the meeting at the level of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission with the Lt. Governor of your UT. In view of this, revised sectoral allocations, if necessary, for the 9th Plan may please be sent to the Planning Commission at least 10 days before the scheduled date of Working Group discussions.

4. Separate guidelines for BMS have been circulated vide Special Secretary, Planning Commission D.O. No. 12019/5/97-RD addressed to Chief Secretaries. In so far as the proposed outlay in the Annual Plan 1997-98 are concerned it should be ensured that the minimum adequate provisions for BMS are made as per stipulations. While there will be no separate Working Group on BMS, individual State Plan Advisers will discuss the provisions as well as sectoral and schematic break-up at the time of the Working Group discussions in conformity with the guidelines already issued.

5. I am enclosing a brief note regarding the format and items of discussions in the Working Group meetings for your information and convenience. A list of 13 Working Groups constituted for Ninth Plan (1997-2002) discussions is also enclosed.