

FORMAT AND ITEMS OF DISCUSSION OF THE WORKING GROUPS

A preliminary meeting is taken by the concerned State Plan Adviser with State

Government officials. In this meeting the outline of the Ninth Plan of the State may be discussed generally along with important issues like broad priorities and strategy of the Ninth Plan. State Plan Advisers would also discuss the sectoral and schematic break up of the Basic Minimum Services.

After the preliminary meeting, the State Government officials will break up into different sectoral Working Groups and would discuss in detail with the concerned sectoral Adviser the position pertaining to that sector. The main items which may be dealt with in these meetings may be as follows:-

- (a) Review of progress of Eighth Five Year Plan
- (b) Review of 1997-98 allocations
- (c) Review of projects and discontinuation of those which were due for completion during Eighth Plan and in which less than 10% of approved outlay has been spent

- (d) 15 Year Perspective Plan
- (e) Sectoral issues, priorities and strategies
- (f) New and continuing schemes and their respective fund requirement
- (g) Sectoral allocations
- (h) Benchmarking of outlay for specific schemes
- (i) Data regarding various items
- (j) Detailed sectoral plans for crucial sectors like power, major and medium irrigation projects, communication and agriculture development infrastructure, science and technology programmes, national statistics and environmental standards. The details should include policy perspective for private sector participation and investment expected from private sector.

After the sectoral meetings, there would be a wrap up meeting to be taken by State Plan Advisers where sectoral allocations as well as earmarking would be firmed up.

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