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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister on 17th June 2018.

The undersigned is directed to circulate the minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 17th June 2018, at RBCC, President Secretariat, New Delhi, for kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

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(Sanyukta Samaddar)
OSD (GCS)

To

1. All Chief Secretaries of the States (As per the list enclosed)
2. All Residents Commissioners of the State in Delhi (as per the list enclosed)

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1. PS to Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
2. Sr. PPS to CEO, NITI Aayog
3. PS to OSD(GCS), NITI Aayog

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NITI Aayog
(Governing Council Secretariat)

**Subject: Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog
held under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister on 17 June 2018**

The fourth Meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 17 June 2018, at RBCC, President Secretariat, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Finance / Railways, Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Minister of State (I/C) of Planning – as ex officio members; Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Minister of Human Resource Development as Special Invitees; Minister of Women & Child Development, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Minister of Rural Development, Minister of State (I/C) of Culture / Environment, Forest and Climate Change, as invitees; Vice Chairman, full time members, CEO, NITI Aayog and senior officials of the Government of India. [Detailed list of participants – Annexure 1]

**2. The Agenda Note as circulated in advance to all members of the
Governing Council is as follows:**

- 1) Action Taken Report of Last Governing Council Meeting
- 2) Agriculture Sector – Measures contributing towards doubling of Farmer's Income
 - a) E-NAM & Agriculture Marketing reforms
 - b) Soil Health Card
 - c) Rural/Agriculture haat
 - d) MGNREGS and its contribution towards water conservation
- 3) Ayushman Bharat-
 - (a) Health and Wellness Centre
 - (b) Pradhanmantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission
- 4) Poshan Mission
- 5) Mission Indradhanush
- 6) Addressing special developmental needs of Aspirational Districts
- 7) Discussion on suggestions received for celebration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

3. At the outset, Vice Chairman NITI Aayog, welcomed the Hon'ble Prime Minister, all the Chief Ministers and distinguished guests to the Fourth Governing Council Meeting of the NITI Aayog.

3.1 He wished to place on record the contributions made by his predecessor, Dr. Arvind Panagariya as VC, NITI Aayog. He shared that as Vice Chairman he had visited 19 State capitals over the past nine months, and is committed to visiting all remaining capitals.

3.2 Talking about the extensive work undertaken by NITI during the past year, he mentioned the development of the State indices in three critical sectors—water, education and health; establishment of the NITI Forum for the North East; work done on management of water resources in the region; development of the Model Act on Land Leasing and the bouquet of measures to ensure MSP procurement in the Kharif season. He also mentioned the framing of the National Medical Council Bill, the National Nutrition Strategy, and policy papers for Artificial Intelligence and Electric Mobility; and work done on promoting innovation across the country through the Atal Innovation Mission which is located inside NITI Aayog.

3.3 He reiterated Government of India and NITI Aayog's commitment to ensuring farmers' welfare and doubling farmers' income in the coming years, providing health security to all and correcting social imbalances. He then briefly elucidated some of the measures taken to achieve this.

4. The Prime Minister welcomed all dignitaries. He especially welcomed all new Chief Ministers and others attending the NITI Aayog meeting for the first time. He thanked all those present for taking the time out from their State duties and commitments to come to Delhi. He was happy to note that his conviction that NITI Aayog would become a platform for bringing about transformational change had been proved right. He congratulated NITI Aayog on the instrumental role it is playing in bringing about structural reforms through various initiatives, as a result of which India is today the world's fastest growing major economy.

- 4.1 The Prime Minister said that the Governing Council has approached complex issues of governance as "Team India", in the spirit of cooperative, competitive federalism. He described the smooth rollout and implementation of GST as a prime example of this.
- 4.2 The Prime Minister said that Chief Ministers of States had played a key role in policy formulation, through sub-groups and committees on issues such as Swachh Bharat Mission, Digital Transactions, and Skill Development. The recommendations of these sub-groups have been incorporated by various Ministries of the Union Government, and the whole nation is benefiting from their inputs, he said.
- 4.3 Stating that the country has unique opportunities, even though some challenges remain, the Prime Minister said that the Indian Economy has grown at a healthy rate of 7.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 2017-18. He added that the challenge now is to take this growth rate to double digits, for which many more important steps have to be taken. He said that the vision of a New India by 2022, is now a resolve of the people of our country. In this context, he mentioned the issues on the agenda today, including doubling of farmers income, development of aspirational districts, Ayushman Bharat, Mission Indradhanush, Nutrition Mission and celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- 4.4 The Prime Minister said that 1.5 lakh Health and Wellness Centres are being constructed under Ayushman Bharat. He said about 10 crore families will be provided health assurance worth Rs. 5 lakhs every year. He said a comprehensive approach is being adopted for education, under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.
- 4.5 The Prime Minister said that schemes such as Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana and Stand Up India, are helping in greater financial inclusion. He emphasized the need for tackling economic imbalances on priority. He said that all aspects and parameters of human

development need to be addressed and improved upon in the 115 aspirational districts.

4.6 The Prime Minister shared that the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan has emerged as a new model for implementation of schemes and that this has so far been extended to 45,000 villages in the Aspirational Districts. He mentioned the seven important schemes under which universal coverage is targeted: Ujjwala, Saubhagya, Ujala, Jan Dhan, Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, Suraksha Bima Yojana, and Mission Indradhanush. He said this target was recently accomplished in about 17,000 villages and is being extended to the 45,000 villages, under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan now.

4.7 Stating how *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas* attempts to achieve inclusive growth and how Mudra, Jan Dhan and Stand up India further this goal, he said that India has no shortage of capabilities, capacities and resources, but that there is a need to ensure that processes are transparent and the common man is not caught in the net of corruption. He said that in the current financial year, States are receiving over 11 lakh crore rupees from the Centre, which represents an increase of about 6 lakh crore rupees, from the last year of the previous government.

4.8 The Prime Minister said that this gathering today represents the hopes and aspirations of the people of India. He said it is also the responsibility of this gathering to make all efforts to fulfil them

5. The gist of oral submissions and the written speeches of the Chief Ministers are taken on record.

6. The Prime Minister in his closing remarks acknowledged the excellent suggestions made by all Chief Ministers during the discussion.

- 6.1 He directed NITI Aayog to identify the actionable points for each State as raised by the CMs. He further directed that if required meetings with State officials may be held by NITI Aayog for follow up on suggestions and further action to be undertaken by respective ministries.
- 6.2 The issue of implementing eNAM in States which have abolished the APMC Act, as raised by CM Bihar, should be resolved by NITI Aayog and Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare.
- 6.3 He suggested that just as NITI Aayog has identified 115 aspirational districts in the country, each State should create their own parameters and identify 20 per cent most backward blocks in their States. The States should then work towards bringing these aspirational blocks too into the fold of development.
- 6.4 Speaking on the effects of global warming and the importance Mahatma Gandhi gave to the environment, the Prime Minister appealed that we embrace a zero defect, zero effect approach and move towards 100% LED lighting for street lights and in all government buildings. He said that we should strive to do this in a timebound manner aiming to achieve it by 15th August or 2nd October.
- 6.5 He assured all States that the government is committed to fulfilling the provisions under the States' Reorganisation Act in letter and in spirit.
- 6.6 Praising the expeditious implementation of GST, the PM said that it will take some time to settle fully, and remaining issues may be taken up by the GST Council.
- 6.7 The Prime Minister appreciated the progress being made by all States on the metro rail project and said that the government would continue to support it by way of policy.

Reiterating the issue of falling water table and the importance of micro-irrigation, the Prime Minister suggested that CMs of Gujarat and Punjab, who will be visiting Israel later in the year, should on their return, share insight on the innovative ways for micro-irrigation and water conservation.

6.9 The Prime Minister said that celebrating Guru Nanak Devji's 550th birthday would be a matter of great inspiration and the government should plan for it.

6.10 The Prime Minister remarked that States may also take initiatives to celebrate their major events linked to the country's freedom struggle, so that the youth are aware of the same and enriched by it.

6.11 Regarding the suggestion to categorize States based on level of development and incentivizing developed States for work done by them, the Prime Minister said the suggestion may be considered seriously.

6.12 With respect to Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act (FRBM), he asked the Finance Ministry to look into the guidelines and further streamline the same.

6.13 The Prime Minister directed that a Committee comprising CMs of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Sikkim be constituted to explore how MGNREGS can be linked to agriculture, focusing specifically on pre-sowing and post-harvest phases with respect to water conservation and conversion of waste to wealth respectively. CM Madhya Pradesh shall be the convener of the Committee. The recommendations of the committee be shared with NITI Aayog.

6.14 Highlighting the progress made under the flagship schemes—Jan Dhan, Saubhagya Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana and Mission Indradhanush, the Prime Minister called for 100 per cent coverage, especially in the 45,000 additional villages under the extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan

and 115 Aspirational Districts, by 15 August 2018. He appealed to CMs to extend their support in this endeavour.

6.15 He called upon all CMs to work towards making India free of TB by 2025.

6.16 The Prime Minister reiterated the difference that RuPay cards had made and emphasized on the need to promote them further.

6.17 He mentioned about the need for farmers to be trained on the use and benefits of Soil Health Cards and urged CMs to think further about how soil testing facilities could be upscaled.

6.18 The Prime Minister said that Swachh Bharat Mission is being discussed around the world. In the last four years, 7.70 crore toilets have been constructed. He called upon all present to work towards 100 percent sanitation coverage by 2nd October, 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, which would be a "Kaaryanjali" to him.

6.19 He also asked States to consider if an annual "Kachra Utsav" may be held in all schools and cities to promote "Waste to Wealth".

6.20 Speaking on the economy, the Prime Minister said that the world expects India to become a USD 5 trillion economy soon. To realize this goal he suggested that States should explore and focus on further enhancing their export potential. The investment summits being organized by the States may also focus on this aspect.

6.21 He encouraged States to continue working on improving "Ease of Doing Business" and stated that NITI may hold a seminar with States to examine the hurdles preventing India from reaching the Top-50.

6.22 He further emphasized on "ease of living" for the common man, as the need of the hour, and appealed to States to form a committee and identify 100 steps needed to further enhance Ease of Living.

6.23 With respect to the Finance Commission, the Prime Minister remarked that States should suggest innovative ideas and outcome based formulae for the consideration of the Finance Commission for better devolution of funds to States. For example, suggestions may be provided on incentivizing reduction in expenditure, reduction in urea consumption or innovative use of technology by States.

6.24 On agriculture, the Prime Minister said that corporate investment in this sector is very low in India. He said States should formulate policies that promote corporate investment in areas such as warehousing, transportation, value addition and food processing etc.

6.25 The Prime Minister said that after agriculture, the mining sector has tremendous potential to generate employment. He said that the mining blocks which have been successfully auctioned, should start production at the earliest. Similarly the central ministries like Ministry of Environment and Forest, should expedite the approval process. He also said District Mineral Fund should be utilized for the upliftment of the poor and the tribals in a big way.

6.26 The Prime Minister called for further debate and consultations on holding simultaneous elections for Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabhas, in the interest of development, expenditure reduction and better logistics. He urged the States to look into the possibility of having a common voter list for Lok Sabha, Vidhan Sabha and Local Bodies.

6.27 The Prime Minister concluded by thanking the Chief Ministers for their valuable suggestions and time.

7. Decisions taken during the Meeting

The following decisions were taken during the deliberations at the meeting:-

7.1 Constitution of a sub-group of Chief Ministers to suggest a coordinated policy approach on linking the agriculture sector and

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MGNREGS with special thrust on pre-sowing and post-harvest interventions. The sub-group would comprise CMs from Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Sikkim, and CM Madhya Pradesh to be the convener of the group. The recommendations of the committee shall be acted upon by NITI Aayog and concerned ministries.

- 7.2 NITI Aayog to compile a list of issues raised by the Chief Ministers and follow up on them with the respective State governments and Union Ministries.
- 7.3 NITI Aayog may hold a seminar with States to examine the hurdles preventing India from reaching the Top-50 on Ease of Doing Business rankings.
- 7.4 States to form a committee and identify 100 steps needed to further enhance Ease of Living. NITI Aayog to formalise the Ease of Living Index after consulting States.
- 7.5 Finance Ministry to look into the guidelines of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act (FRBM), taking a more holistic approach and for further streamlining.
- 7.6 Ministry of Agriculture to look into the suggestion regarding strengthening of eNAM and resolve issues with respect to States without the APMC Act.
- 7.7 GST Council to compile a list of issues raised by the Chief Ministers and look into them.
- 7.8 Ministry of Environment and Forest, Climate Change and States to expedite the process of approvals to enable operationalization of the already auctioned mine blocks at the earliest.
- 7.9 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and all States to work in close coordination to achieve a tuberculosis (TB) free India by 2025.

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7.10 Ministry of Home Affairs to follow up on all commitments made in the States Reorganisation Act and resolve issues of States of Andhra and Telangana.

States to suggest innovative ideas and outcome based formulae for the consideration of the Finance Commission for better devolution of funds to States.

7.12 States should explore and focus on further enhancing their export potential. The investment summits being organized by the States may also focus on this aspect.

7.13 State to create their own parameters and identify 20 per cent most backward blocks in their States and then work towards bringing these aspirational blocks too into the fold of development.

7.14 States to work towards switching to 100% LED lighting for all street lights and in all government buildings and aim to achieve it by 15th August, 2018 or 2nd October, 2018.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants'4th Governing Council Meeting held on 17th June, 2018'

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Narendra Modi	Prime Minister, Chairman
2.	Shri. Rajiv Kumar	Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
Full Time Members		
3.	Dr. Bibek Debroy	Member, NITI Aayog
4.	Dr. V.K. Saraswat	Member, NITI Aayog
5.	Prof. Ramesh Chand	Member, NITI Aayog
6.	Dr. Vinod Kumar Paul	Member, NITI Aayog
Ex Officio Members		
7.	Shri. Rajnath Singh	Minister of Home Affairs
8.	Shri Piyush Goyal	Minister of Railways, Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs
9.	Shri Radha Mohan Singh	Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Special Invitees		
10.	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping
11.	Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot	Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment
12.	Shri Prakash Javadekar	Minister of Human Resources Development
13.	Shri J.P Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare
14.	Ms. Maneka Gandhi	Minister of Women and Child Development
15.	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar	Minister of Rural Development
16.	Shri Rao Inderjit Singh	Minister of Planning (I/C)
17.	Dr. Mahesh Sharma	Minister of Culture / Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Chief Ministers/ Lt. Governors of States/UTs		
18.	Andhra Pradesh	Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu
19.	Arunachal Pradesh	Shri Pema Khandu

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20.	Assam	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal
21.	Bihar	Shri Nitish Kumar
22.	Chhattisgarh	Dr. Raman Singh
23.	Gujarat	Shri Vijay Rupani
24.	Haryana	Shri Manohar Lal Khattar
25.	Himachal Pradesh	Shri Jai Ram Thakur
26.	Jharkhand	Shri Raghubar Das
27.	Karnataka	Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy
28.	Kerala	Shri Pinarayi Vijayan,
29.	Madhya Pradesh	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan,
30.	Maharashtra	Shri Devendra Fadnavis,
31.	Meghalaya	Shri Conrad Kongkal Sangma
32.	Nagaland	Shri Neiphiu Rio
33.	Punjab	Capt. Amarinder Singh
34.	Rajasthan	Smt. Vasundhara Raje Scindia
35.	Tamil Nadu	Shri Edappadi K. Palaniswami
36.	Telangana	Shri K. Chandrashekar Rao
37.	Uttar Pradesh	Shri Yogi Adityanath
38.	Uttarakhand	Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat,
39.	West Bengal	Km. Mamata Banerjee,
40.	Andaman & Nicobar	Admiral (Retd) Devendra Kumar Joshi (Lieutenant Governor)
41.	Puducherry	Shri V. Narayanasamy
Cabinet Secretary/ PMO/Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments		
42.	Shri P.K.Sinha	Cabinet Secretary
43.	Shri Nripendra Misra	Principal Secretary to PM
44.	Dr. P.K.Mishra	Addl. Principal Secretary to PM
45.	Dr. Hasmukh Adhia	Secretary, Ministry of Finance
46.	Shri Rakesh Srivastava	Secretary, Women and Child Development
47.	Ms. Preeti Sudan	Secretary, Health and Family Welfare
48.	Shri Amarjeet Sinha	Secretary, Rural Development
49.	Shri Shobhana K Pattanayak	Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare.
50.	Shri Raghvendra Singh	Secretary, Ministry of Culture

51.	Ms. Debashree Mukherjee	JS, PMO
52.	Shri Brajendra Navnit	JS, PMO
53.	Ms. Aishvarya Singh	DS, PMO
54.	Shri Indu Bhushan	CEO. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission (PMRSSM)
Officers of NITI Aayog		
55.	Shri Amitabh Kant	Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog
56.	Shri Ratan P. Watal	Principal Adviser, NITI Aayog
57.	Shri Yaduvendra Mathur	Addl. Secretary, NITI Aayog
58.	Shri. Rameshwar Prasad Gupta	Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog
59.	Shri Anil Srivastava	DG (DMEO), NITI Aayog
60.	Shri Vikram Singh Gaur	Joint Secretary (SC & DP), NITI Aayog
61.	Shri Ashok Kumar Jain	Adviser (RD), NITI Aayog
62.	Ms. Sanyukta Samaddar	OSD (GCS), NITI Aayog
63.	Dr. J.P. Mishra	Adviser (Agri.), NITI Aayog
64.	Dr. Yogesh Suri	Adviser (G&R), NITI Aayog
65.	Shri Alok Kumar	Adviser (Health), NITI Aayog
66.	Shri Rakesh Ranjan	Sr. Consultant, NITI Aayog