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Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110001,

Dated 23rd June, 2017

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017.**

The undersigned is directed to circulate the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 at RBCC, President Secretariat, New Delhi, for kind information.

Encl: As above

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**NITI Aayog  
(Governing Council Secretariat)**

**Subject: Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017.**

The third meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog was held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 at RBCC, President Secretariat, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by the Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Railways and Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare - as *ex-officio* Members, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and Minister of Textile as Special Invitees and also by Minister of HRD, Minister of State (I/C), Planning, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, permanent Members of NITI Aayog, CEO, NITI Aayog and senior officials of Government of India. List of participants is at Annexure I.

2. At the outset, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog extended a warm welcome to the Prime Minister and Members of the Governing Council. He further mentioned that in the spirit of Cooperative Federalism, the Governing Council had appointed three Sub-Groups of Chief Ministers on centrally Sponsored Schemes; Swachh Bharat; and Skill Development and parallel Task Forces at NITI Aayog and in the States on Agriculture Development and Poverty Elimination. NITI Aayog has been working closely with the States and he mentioned about the National Workshop of Revenue Secretaries and Agricultural Secretaries of States on the subject of land leasing hosted by NITI Aayog.

3. The Hon'ble Home Minister thanked the Vice Chairman and welcomed the Hon'ble Prime Minister and requested him for the opening remarks.

**Opening Remarks of the Hon'ble Prime Minister:**

4. The Prime Minister welcomed all the Chief Ministers, Union Ministers, Union Secretaries and all the officials who were present in the meeting. In his opening remarks he mentioned that that as a former Chief Minister, his conviction is that the formation of "New India", can only be realized through the combined efforts and cooperation of all the Chief Ministers. "Team India" has once again assembled to discuss and reflect on ways to prepare India in the face of global trends. He said the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog would be an opportunity to exchange views on policies and

implementation. It is the collective responsibility of this gathering to envision the India of 2022, which will be the 75th anniversary of independence, and see how we can swiftly move forward to achieve these goals.

5. The Prime Minister said that on the occasion of the centenary of the Champaran Satyagraha, it is appropriate that we transform India so that the highest aspirations of every citizen are realised. Government, private sector and civil society, all need to work in sync. He noted that NITI was a collaborative federal body whose strength was in its ideas, rather than in administrative or financial control. The Chief Ministers did not have to come to NITI for approval of budgets or plans. NITI Aayog had gone beyond relying on government inputs and taken on board a number of outside specialists, subject experts, and Young Professionals; and States can also contribute to policy formulation. He gave the example of e-NAM, where experiences of States played a key role in the final policy.

6. The Prime Minister mentioned that after the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission had recommended abolition of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, after which Sub-Groups of Chief Ministers were set up and recommendations in that Report were accepted & rolled out. He mentioned that while there has been a 40 percent increase in overall fund allocation to States. In 2014-15 the States had received Rs. 6,70,000 crores from the Centre, which increased to Rs. 9,60,000 crores in 2016-17. The Prime Minister urged the States to speed up capital expenditure and infrastructure creation.

7. In respect of change in budget presentation date, the Prime Minister said this would enable timely availability of funds at the beginning of the financial year. Earlier, budgeted scheme funds were generally not approved by Parliament till May, after which they would be communicated to states and ministries. By that time, the monsoon arrived. Hence the best working season for schemes was typically lost. He also mentioned the ending of the distinction between plan and non-plan expenditure, based on the recommendation of the Rangarajan Committee in 2011, which had found the distinction to be counter-productive. Several important items of expenditure were included as 'non-plan' and hence neglected. Hereafter the emphasis would be on distinguishing between development and welfare expenditure on one hand, and administrative overheads on the other.

8. He further mentioned that the Goods and Services Tax shows the strength and resolve of the federal structure. He gave credit to all Chief Ministers for coming on one

platform for this cause, keeping aside ideological and political differences. Thanking the Chief Ministers, he said consensus on GST will go down in history as a great illustration of cooperative federalism. GST reflects the spirit of "One nation, One aspiration, One determination."

9. He said the NITI Aayog is working on a 15 year long term vision, 7 year medium term strategy, and 3 year action agenda. He said this effort needs support of States, and will eventually reflect in benefits to States.

10. CEO, NITI Aayog made a presentation on Action Taken Report and initiatives of NITI Aayog. He apprised the Members of the Governing Council about the work done by NITI Aayog for transforming the economy and cooperation with States in the sectors of education, health, infrastructure etc. He described the work done by the Sub-Groups of Chief Ministers on rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Swachh Bharat Mission and Skill Development, and initiatives taken in areas such as agriculture, poverty elimination, health, education, digital payments, disinvestment, coastal zone and island development etc. The Appraisal Document of 12th Five Year Plan has been completed along with the other documents. He further stated that we have a vision of 15 years, a strategy of 7 years and 3 years Action Plan. NITI will work with States to improve basic services and infrastructure, in districts and regions which require specific attention.

11. Thereafter, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog made a presentation on a 15 year long term vision, accompanied by a 7 year strategy and a 3 year action agenda. He gave an outline of the draft Action Agenda circulated at the meeting, which had been prepared with inputs from the States. He mentioned that there were over 300 specific action points that had been identified, covering the whole gamut of sectors. The period of the Action Agenda coincided with the period of the 14th Finance Commission's award. This gave stability to the funding estimates of both Centre and States. He solicited the inputs and support of the states in taking the vision forward.

✓ 12. Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance made a presentation on GST, explaining the benefits of the system and the way forward. He urged the Chief Ministers to expedite the enactment of State GST Acts.

13. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, made a presentation on doubling of farmers' income. He touched on areas such as irrigation, technology

generation and dissemination, policy and market reforms, e-NAM, livestock productivity etc.

14. Member-Agriculture, NITI Aayog, Shri Ramesh Chand elaborated on some of the steps needed for doubling farmers' income and spoke of the various elements of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme, Har Khet Ko Pani, and Per Drop, More Crop.

**Agenda Points for the meeting:**

15. The agenda notes placed before the meeting had been circulated in advance to the Members. Agenda item 1 pertained to confirming the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Governing Council and Agenda item 2 pertained to the Action Taken Report upon the decisions taken therein. The Minutes were confirmed and the ATR was taken note of.

16. Thereafter, suggestions of the Members were invited on the Agenda items which had been presented to the Governing Council.

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

**Concluding Remarks of the Hon'ble Prime Minister:**

18. Thereafter in his concluding remarks, the Prime Minister thanked all the Chief Ministers for sharing their views. He urged the Chief Ministers of State Governments to work with the Union Government, as "Team India," to build the India of the dreams of our freedom fighters by 2022, the 75th anniversary of independence. He further mentioned that States, local Governments and all Government and Non-Government organizations have to decide goals for 2022, and work in a mission mode towards achieving them.

19. The Prime Minister said that the circulated vision document was a draft, and all suggestions given by the Chief Ministers will be taken into account before finalizing it. He laid emphasis on good governance and said it leads to optimum utilization of resources, even when resources are less than desired.

20. The Prime Minister noted that the issue of regional imbalance had been raised by a number of Chief Ministers. He agreed that this has to be addressed on priority, both nationally, and within States.

21. The Prime Minister requested all participants to visit Srinagar as invited by the Chief Minister of J&K even for short durations, and to have mutual co-operation by organizing small programmes. On the issue raised by the Chief Minister of J&K, the Prime Minister suggested that all States should create a cell so that the students from J&K who come to other States for higher studies could approach in case of any difficulty and also for better understanding amongst students.

22. The Prime Minister reiterated that the legislative arrangements at the State-level for GST should be put in place without delay.

23. The Prime Minister called upon States to use the GeM platform – Government e-Marketplace, to reduce corruption and increase transparency in Government procurement. He also said the use of technologies such as BHIM and Aadhaar would result in significant savings for the States.

24. The Prime Minister mentioned that there are various untied funds at the State level, like the District Mineral Fund, the CAMPA Fund, and the construction workers welfare fund, that would provide significant boost to the resources of the States. These funds are presently being used mostly for welfare works. He asked NITI Aayog to come up with a roadmap for better planned and sustainable utilization of such funds by the States, as per requirements of individual States.

25. The Prime Minister urged States to join the 'Ek-Bharat, Shresth Bharat' initiative, which was launched on Sardar Patel's birth anniversary last year. He said India's richness of culture and heritage should be strengthened.

26. The Prime Minister said a constructive discussion has begun on the subject of holding Union and State elections simultaneously. If 1-2 months are earmarked for elections every five years, it will allow better utilization of our energy.

27. The Prime Minister mentioned the advancing of the budget presentation date. Stating

that in a country where agricultural income is exceedingly important, budgets should be prepared immediately after the receipt of agricultural incomes for the year. He said that there have been suggestions to have the financial year from January to December. He urged States to take the initiative in this regard.

28. In conclusion, the Prime Minister thanked the Chief Ministers for their participation in the meeting of Governing Council.

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**ANNEXURE I****List of Participants of the Third Meeting of the Governing Council of the NITI Aayog held on April 23, 2017 at 10.00 AM (Sunday) at Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre, New Delhi**

SI. No.	Name of Participant	Designation
<b>NITI Aayog</b>		
1.	Shri Narendra Modi	Prime Minister, Chairman
2.	Dr. Arvind Panagariya	Vice Chairman
3.	Dr. Bibek Debroy	Full-Time Member
4.	Dr. V.K. Saraswat	Full-Time Member
5.	Prof. Ramesh Chand	Full-Time Member
5.	Shri Amitabh Kant	CEO
<b>Cabinet Ministers (as Ex-Officio Members)</b>		
6.	Shri Rajnath Singh	Minister of Home Affairs
7.	Shri Suresh Prabhu	Minister of Railways
8.	Shri Radha Mohan Singh	Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
<b>Special Invitees</b>		
9.	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister (RT&H)
10.	Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot	Minister (SJ&E)
11.	Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani	Minister (Textile)
12.	Shri Prakash Javadekar	Minister (HRD)
<b>Ministry of Planning</b>		
13.	Rao Inderjit Singh	MOS (I/C) for Planning
<b>Chief Minister of States / UTs</b>		
14.	Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu	CM, Andhra Pradesh
15.	Shri Pema Khandu	CM, Arunachal Pradesh
16.	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	CM, Assam
17.	Shri Nitish Kumar	CM, Bihar
18.	Dr. Raman Singh	CM, Chhattisgarh
19.	Shri Manohar Parrikar	CM, Goa
20.	Shri Vijay Rupani	CM, Gujarat
21.	Shri Manohar Lal Khattar	CM, Haryana
22.	Shri Virbhadra Singh	CM, Himachal Pradesh
23.	Ms. Mehbooba Mufti Sayeed	CM, J&K
24.	Shri Raghubar Das	CM, Jharkhand
25.	Shri K. Siddaramaiah	CM, Karnataka
26.	Shri Pinarayi Vijayan	CM, Kerala
27.	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan	CM, M.P.
28.	Shri Devendra Fadnavis	CM, Maharashtra



Sl. No.	Name of Participant	Designation
29.	Shri N. Biren Singh	CM, Manipur
30.	Dr. Mukul Sangma	CM, Meghalaya
31.	Shri Lal Thanhawla	CM, Mizoram
32.	Shri Shurhzelie Liezietsu	CM, Nagaland
33.	Shri Naveen Patnaik	CM, Odisha
34.	Smt. Vasundhara Raje	CM, Rajasthan
35.	Shri K. Palamiswami	CM, Tamil Nadu
36.	Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao	CM, Telangana
37.	Shri Manik Sarkar	CM, Tripura
38.	Shri Yogi Adityanath	CM, U.P.
39.	Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat	CM, Uttarakhand
40.	Dr. Jagdish Mukhi	LG, A & N Islands
41.	Shri V. Narayanasamy	CM, Puducherry
<b>Officer from Cabinet Secretariat</b>		
42.	Shri P.K. Sinha	Cabinet Secretary
<b>Officers from Prime Minister's Office</b>		
43.	Shri Nripendera Misra	Principal Secretary to PM
44.	Dr. P.K. Mishra	Additional Principal Secretary to PM
45.	Dr. T.V. Somnathan	JS, PMO
46.	Shri A.K. Sharma	JS, PMO
47.	Shri Anurag Jain	JS, PMO
48.	Shri Brajendra Navnit	JS, PMO
49.	Shri Rajeev Topno	PS to PM
50.	Shri Sanjeev Singla	PS to PM
51.	Shri Jagdish Thakkar	PRO
52.	Shri Sharat Chander	Media Officer, PMO
<b>Officers from Central Ministries / Departments</b>		
53.	Shri Hasmukh Adhia	Secretary (Revenue)
54.	Ms. Vanaja N. Sarna	Chairperson, CBEC
55.	Shri Devendra Chaudhary	Secretary, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries
56.	Shri Shobhana K. Pattanayak	Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
57.	Shri Amarjit Singh	Secretary, Water Resources
<b>Officers from PIB</b>		
58.	Shri A.P. Frank Noronha	Pr. Director General, PIB
59.	Mr. Atul Tiwari	Director, PIB
<b>Officers from NITI Aayog</b>		
60.	Shri Ratan P. Watal	Principal adviser
61.	Shri Anil Kumar Jain	Additional Secretary
62.	Shri Yaduventra Mathur	Additional. Secretary
63.	Shri Alok Kumar	Adviser (FR/Health/Admn.)
64.	Dr. Maninder Kaur Dwivedi	Adviser (GCS)

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Participant</b>	<b>Designation</b>
65.	Ms. Anna Roy	Adviser (DM&A)
66.	Dr. J.P. Mishra	Adviser (Agriculture)
67.	Dr. Ashok Kumar Jain	Adviser (RD)
68.	Shri Jitender Kumar	Adviser (NRE)
69.	Dr. Vikram Singh Gaur	Jt. Secretary (State-Coord.)
70.	Dr. Prem Singh	PS to Vice Chairman