

Steering Committee on Construction for Formation of 12th National Plan

Keeping in view the importance of construction activities for the growth & development of National economy the Planning Commission, Government of India, has constituted a Steering Committee, which would develop the Chapter on Construction for the 12th National Plan.

Dr. Arun Maira, Member (Industry), Planning Commission is the Chairman & Dr. P. R. Swarup Director General, CIDC is the Convenor of this Steering Group, which has representation from various works Ministries, Corporate Houses both from public & private sector financial Institutions, R&D organizations, consultancy houses & also the Industry associations.

In order to have a wider participation, during the first meeting of the Steering Committee, following six working groups have been constituted:

- I. Regulatory Framework, including self regulation & issues leading to time & cost over runs in the Projects.
- II. Procurement Systems & Dispute Resolution
- III. Human Resource Development.
- IV. Institutional financing.
- V. Quality standards & Environment Issue.
- VI. Research & Development.

All the Working Groups will be submitting their recommendations to the Steering Committee, who in turn will compile and submit the report to Planning Commission.

While the Steering Committee is working to develop the Chapter, it is felt that the views from the widest cross section of the stake holders be elicited.

The inputs & views, which may be used to develop an effective plan documents are invited from the constituents of Industry.

Such expressions may be sent directly to:

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with a view to evolve strategies for overcoming deficiencies and bottlenecks and achieve time bound targets, by suggesting measures for better coordination among the stake holders.

2. To review the regulatory framework governing the sector including fiscal and other regulations and suggest any changes required to make the sector more efficient and productive.

3. To review the present procedures of the Government procurement including dispute resolution mechanisms for construction work and evolve measures for improvement, especially in view of increase in privatization in the infrastructure sector.

4. To review the present system for execution, supervision of progress and quality, release of funds, certification, billing and payment for work and suggest remedial measures for minimizing time and cost over-runs in projects undertaken by or on behalf of Government.

5. To review the state of present financing models for construction work; institutional financing from Banks/Financial Institutions and their lending norms, and recommend measures to enable access to finance at globally competitive rates.

6. To focus on R&D activities in the construction sector and suggest measures for greater use of modern technologies and equipment and speedy adaptation of new methods.

7. To evaluate role of the Construction Sector in generating employment, keeping in view the qualitative & quantitative changes which have occurred in the recent past and to suggest measures for qualitative upgradation and more remunerative employment in the construction industry.

8. To assess the demand of manpower, category-wise and suggest remedial measures, including skill development, to face shortages, and suggest improvements in the functioning of National Skill Development Mission.

9. To review the quality and safety aspects in construction and to suggest necessary measures, and to recommend measures for evolving a Techno-legal regime.

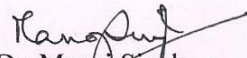
10. To review the status of asset management and evolve strategies for implementation at local/State/Central Government level.

11. To study the impact of this industry on environment and suggest measures to make it more environmental friendly and sustainable; to also review the present regulatory framework for environmental clearance with a view to making it more business friendly.

12. To review the status of data base in the construction sector and to suggest ways and means to upgrade, augment and effectively maintain the same on institutional basis.


13. To study the best practices adopted worldwide and draw lessons for the Indian Construction Industry.

14. To suggest a policy framework for the increasing productivity and reducing construction costs, in order to ensure the healthy development of the construction sector after examining/ reviewing of the above mentioned areas and the existing regulating from work.
 15. To recommend the measures for self-regulation for the constituents of the Construction Industry.
 16. To evolve suitable mechanisms to ensure implementation of the recommendations of this group during the 12th plan period.
 17. To examine any other matter considered important by the Steering Committee.
- III. The Chairman of the Steering Committee may co-opt officials or non-officials as Members and constitute working-groups, if considered necessary. Representatives nominated, if any, by the Central Ministries/ Organization should not be below the level of Joint Secretary.
 - IV. The non-official Members of the Steering Committee will be paid TA/DA at the rates applicable for Grade-I officers of the Central Government for attending meetings of the Steering Committee.
 - V. The Steering Committee will submit its final report to the Planning Commission by 31st October and an interim report by 30th September.


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- a. Chairman, all Members and Convener of the Steering Committee
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- e. PS to Member-Secretary, Planning Commission
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