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**SPEED POST**

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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O/o Chief Principal Secretary to  
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 The Members of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog (as per the list)

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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

