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**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
(Plan Coordination Division)

Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi, the 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2008.

**Subject: 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Development Council (NDC) held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi – Decisions regarding.**

Decisions taken in the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Development Council (NDC) held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi are circulated herewith for kind information and necessary action.

**Encl: As above**

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Members, NDC	Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
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**DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE 54<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HELD UNDER THE  
CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRIME MINISTER ON 19<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER, 2007**

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The National Development Council met under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi to consider and approve the draft Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12).

2. After deliberations and discussions, the following decisions were taken:
- (i) The National Development Council endorsed the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12);
  - (ii) Several specific points raised by Chief Ministers were responded to by the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The other specific suggestions made by States/UTs. could be considered during the State Plan discussions;
  - (iii) A Task Force would be constituted in the Planning Commission to comprehensively examine the resource requirements for expanding irrigation and identifying a new approach to implementing irrigation projects. The Task Force would identify innovative ways of raising resources and designing and implementing projects so that we can rapidly achieve our irrigation potential;
  - (iv) The Finance Minister, in consultation with the Agriculture Minister, is finalizing a scheme for addressing the issue of the debt burden of farmers. The details of this would be announced shortly;
  - (v) A Task Force in the Planning Commission would be constituted to look into the problems of hill states and hill areas and inter-alia to suggest ways for addressing their specific connectivity, transport & infrastructure problems;
  - (vi) The Power Ministry would accelerate the sanctioning process under the RGGVY and the Planning Commission would make the resources available to meet the rural electrification targets.
  - (vii) The Finance Minister would constitute an Expert Group to go into the system of statutory clearances for industrial and infrastructure projects and suggest concrete ways to speed these up.