ABSTRACT

State Planning Commission- Replacement of State Planning Commission by the State Development Policy Council- Orders Issued.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES (SPC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.23

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Budget Announcement 2017-2018

ORDER:

In the Budget 2017-18, the Government have announced that the State Planning Commission [SPC] will be replaced by State Development Policy Council [SDPC] which would advise the Government on policy coherence and formulation of programmes to guide the development of the State. In this regard, the Member Secretary, State Planning Commission, has forwarded proposals and requested the Government to consider the proposals and issue orders on the reconstitution of the State Development Policy Council.

2. The State Planning Commission was established in G.O.Ms.No.773 Finance (Planning) Department dated 25-5-1971. The State Planning Commission was established to help Government to implement its policies effectively by more efficient utilization of the material, capital and human resources within the State and outside it.

3. The State Planning Commission was initially tasked to:

i. Make an assessment of the material, capital and human resources of the State, including Technical personnel, and investigate the possibilities of augmenting such of these resources as are found to be deficient in relation to the State's requirements;

ii. Formulate a longer plan for the most effective and balanced utilization of the State's resources;

iii. Indicate the factors which are tending to retard economic development, and determine the conditions, which, in view of the current social and political situation, should be established for the successful execution of the plan; and

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iv. Make such interim or ancillary recommendations as appear to it to be appropriate either for facilitating the discharge of the duties assigned to it; or on a consideration of the prevailing economic condition, current politics, measures and development programmes; or on a examination of such specific problem as may be referred to it for advice by this Government.

4. Therefore the functions that were performed by the State Planning Commission are:

a. Advise the Government on the priorities of the Five Year Plan (FYP) and on inclusion of new schemes therein;

b. Constitute Steering Committees / Working Groups as required for preparation of the draft FYP, prepare and send the draft FYP to the Government for approval;

c. Advise the Government on the approval of new schemes for inclusion in the State Budget and in the Annual Plan, subject to availability of resources;

d. Prepare and send the draft Annual Plans to the Government for approval;

e. Review the progress of implementation of projects and programmes included in the Five Year Plan on a periodical basis, with reference to achievement of targets/goals envisaged in the Five Year Plan;

f. Undertake Mid-Term review of the Five Year Plan and advise the Government on appropriate modification/restructuring of the schemes;

g. Undertake evaluation of major plan schemes through the Evaluation and Applied Research Department and recommend to the Government the measures necessary to restructure or improve the schemes based on such evaluation;

h. Implement State Balanced Growth Fund (SBGF) effectively with reference to existing guidelines and Government orders;

i. Integrate the functions of District Planning Cells and initiate planning process at District/Block/Village level;

j. Advise the Government on formulation of the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) as an integral part of Five Year/Annual Plans;

k. Monitor the development indicators that influence the Human Development Index (HDI), Gender Development Index (GDI) etc. and advise the Government for appropriate intervention;

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l. Undertake special studies as required for formulation and implementation of plan projects and programmes;

m. Monitor the Tamil Nadu economy and send reports to the Government as and when necessary; and

n. Administering the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) and the State Innovation Fund and

o. Formulation of draft Land Use Policy for Tamil Nadu through Tamil Nadu State Land Use Research Board.

5. The Government of India vide its Resolution No. 511/2/1/2015-Cab. dated 1st January, 2015 established the NITI Aayog. The Resolution traced the developments in the Country since the constitution of the Union Planning Commission through a Cabinet Resolution dated 15th March, 1950 and based on the developments that have taken place, decided that the "process of governance" should be separated from the "strategy of governance" and hence it was decided to establish a "Think Tank of the Government" which was named the NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India).

6. Different States have made changes to their State Planning Commissions to suit their needs and renamed it.

7. In the Union Budget 2017-18 it was indicated that the Plan – Non Plan distinction was being abolished and no more Five Year Plans would be prepared. The Government of Tamil Nadu has also abolished the Plan and Non Plan distinction in the Budget 2017-18. With the abolition of the Planning process as was conventionally understood, the State Planning Commission requires restructuring. As articulated by Government of Tamil Nadu in the meetings leading up to the formation of the NITI Aayog, it is important that there is an expert body that prepares a blue print for action with clearly laid down goals and objectives to be achieved within a given time frame. Both a long term strategic view and a medium term perspective are required. The emphasis needs to be on how policy co-ordination and coherence is achieved, with the focus not merely on financial outlays, but also on policy measures which are required to secure the participation of all stake holders in the economic development process. In the address to the Third Meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held on 23.4.2017, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already indicated that the Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 would be the perspective Plan that the State Government would pursue.

8. In the Independence Day Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.8.2019, it has been stated that –

"ஐக்கியநாடுகள் சபையின் மாநாட்டில் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்பட்ட நீடித்தவளர்ச்சி இலக்குகள் 2030ஆம் ஆண்டுக்குள் எய்தப்பட்டு, அதன் மூலம் தமிழ்நாடு உலக அரங்கில் வளர்ச்சிப்பாதையில் சென்றிட மாண்புமிகு அம்மாவின் அரசு

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- Systematically address "policy coherence issues" and offer a platform for resolution of inter-sectoral and inter-departmental issues in order to appropriately devise policies, programmes and schemes and accelerate their implementation. The State Development Policy Council will coordinate policies, and ensure that conflicts and contradictions between various policies is minimized. Policy coherence could be achieved through clear "goal-setting" based on deeper consultations and feasibility assessments; regular inter-departmental consultations on the policy being developed; and a mandatory review of policies, including of the regulatory impact.

- Address both policy and allocation issues relating to sectors – since private sector is an important player and in its behaviour is governed as much by regulations as by allocations. Housing, Urban Development, Education, Labour and Employment are examples.

- Encourage partnerships between Government stakeholders and national and international policy advisory bodies, as well as educational and policy research institutions.

- Help create a knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurial support system through a collaborative community of national and international experts, practitioners and other partners.

IV. Implementation of Special Programmes

The following programmes currently being implemented by State Planning Commission are to be continued by the State Development Policy Council:

I. State Balanced Growth Fund (SBGF)
II. Tamil Nadu Innovations Initiative (TANII)
III. Special Area Development Programme (SADP)
IV. Activities of the Tamil Nadu State Land Use Research Board(TNSLURB)

V. Others

- Advise on the effectiveness of implementation of mandated systems and areas needing focus. There is a mandate for Decentralised Planning under the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments and the State Legislations implementing the Constitutional amendments. Similarly, advise the Government on plans for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes coverage, and on the concept of Leave No One Behind (LNOB)

- Undertake such other activities as are required from time to time to further the above.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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