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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Prime Minister's National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges

1. The Government has decided to constitute a Prime Minister's National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges for (a) policy direction (b) review and (c) effective coordination between Ministries which all will have a sectoral responsibility for the challenge of nutrition.

2. The Composition of the Council will be as follows:

Chairman: Prime Minister

- Members:
- 1) Minister of Human Resource Development
 - 2) Minister of Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
 - 3) Minister of Finance
 - 4) Minister of Health and Family Welfare
 - 5) Minister of Women & Child Development
 - 6) Minister of Rural Development
 - 7) Minister of Urban Development
 - 8) Minister of Information & Broadcasting
 - 9) Minister of Panchayati Raj
 - 10) Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
 - 11) Cabinet Secretary
 - 12) Dr. C. Gopalan
 - 13) Dr. Rani Bang, Gadchiroli
 - 14) Mr. Sachin Pilot, MP
 - 15) Dr. Arun Gupta, Breast Feeding Association

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- 16) Dr. Prema Ramachandran, Director, Nutrition Foundation of India
- 17) Dr. Rohini Nayyar
- 18) Principal Secretary to PM – Member Convenor

The Chairman may invite any other Minister/Officer to any meeting of the Council depending upon the context.

The following Secretaries of Ministries concerned would be Special Invitees to the meeting:

- 1) Secretary, Planning Commission
- 2) Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution
- 3) Secretary, Department of Expenditure
- 4) Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare
- 5) Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy
Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 6) Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development
- 7) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
- 8) Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development
- 9) Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- 10) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj

3. Terms of Reference

The Terms of References of the Council could be as follows:

- (a) Provide policy directions to address India's nutritional challenges through coordinated inter-sectoral action;
 - (b) Review programmes for nutrition on a quarterly basis.
4. The Council will be serviced by the Prime Minister's Office, which may obtain necessary assistance as required from any Ministry/Department/Agency of Government.


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on India's Nutrition Challenges

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Joint Secretary to PM

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Secretary, Planning Commission

Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution

Secretary, Department of Expenditure

Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy
Ministry of Human Resource Development

Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development

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Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj

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✓ B (II) The terms of reference of the Executive Committee of the National Nutrition Mission: -

- i. To identify nutritionally backward regions and groups in the country requiring special focus on implementation of nutrition programmes.
- ii. Close monitoring of implementation of the nutrition programmes with particular attention to resource constraints, institutional bottlenecks or any other matter affecting service delivery.
- iii. Evolve mechanisms for coordination of all the nutrition related programmes both at the policy and implementation levels.
- iv. Conduct of evaluation and impact studies of the programmes and identify mid-course corrections in strategies and implementation issues.
- v. Any other function vested on it by the Mission.