

## **COMPOSITION OF WORKING GROUPS**

### **1. Group on Agriculture Production**

Chief Minister, Haryana Chair  
Chief Minister, Punjab  
Chief Minister, West Bengal  
Chief Minister, Bihar

#### **Terms of Reference:**

**Increasing agricultural production & productivity including long term policies for sustained agricultural growth and issues relating to inputs viz. seeds, fertilizers etc. including suggestion of strategies / plans of action *inter alia* for:**

- (i) Bridging yield gaps
- (ii) Crop specific strategies – special focus on pulses and oilseeds
- (iii) Strengthening Input delivery mechanism for seeds, nutrients, water, credit, power
- (iv) Gearing up extension administration
- (v) Marketing reforms
- (vi) Addressing land and labour related issues

### **2. Group on Food and Public Distribution**

Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission Chair  
Chief Minister, Chhatisgarh  
Chief Minister, Assam

Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister

**Terms of Reference:**

**Better and effective delivery of essential commodities to the vulnerable sections of society and augmentation of warehouses & storage capacity including suggestion of strategies / plans of action *inter alia* for:**

- (i) Finalising number of BPL beneficiaries
- (ii) Streamlining and strengthening TPDS
- (iii) Web enabled computerisation of PDS System (including FCI godowns)
- (iv) Enhancing storage capacity

3. **Group on Consumer Affairs**

Chief Minister, Gujarat

Chair

Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh

Chief Minister, Maharashtra

Chief Minister, Tamilnadu

**Terms of Reference:**

**Reducing the gap between farmgate and retail prices and better implementation and amendment to Essential Commodities Act including suggestion of strategies / plan of action *inter alia* for:**

- (i) Increasing efficiency of distribution channels from farm to consumers

- (ii) Reducing intermediation costs and for reducing gap between farm gate and retail prices
- (iii) State interventions for retailing essential commodities at reasonable prices
- (iv) Enforcement of statutory provisions to improve availability of essential commodities at reasonable prices