

Minutes of the meeting held 09th February 2017 with the Working Group to discuss Draft Vision Documents of SDGs 8 & 10

A meeting was held on 09th February 2017 at 2:30 pm in Committee Room, Armsdel Building, HP Secretariat, under the chairpersonship of the Dr. Shrikant Baldi, Additional Chief Secretary (Planning), GoHP, to discuss the draft vision documents on SDGs 8 and 10, which were prepared by the Planning department. Following is a brief summary of discussions held:

At the outset, Shri Akshay Sood, Adviser (Planning) welcomed the participants and briefed them about objective of the meeting. He further stated that both the draft vision documents on SDGs 8 & 10 were circulated for suggestions/comments to the concerned departments. Some of the department have already forwarded their inputs and the same have been incorporated. Those departments which have not sent their comments were requested to forward their comments at the earliest.

Additional Chief Secretary (Planning) appreciated the efforts made by the departments and he urged that the concerned departments to hold their internal meetings to finalize the documentation to be forwarded to Planning department in order to finalize the goal assigned to them. ACS (Planning) further stated that based on the targets and strategies provided in the vision document, the departments may propose specific schemes / programmes with funding requirements to the Planning Department, if additional funds are required to achieve the goals. Summarizing the discussion, ACS (Planning) said that the departments should focus on the following areas on priority:

- The working group members for SDG 8 & 10 were requested to submit their comments / inputs, if any, by 14th Feb 2017 in order to finalize the above vision documents.
- The departments should translate the goal specific strategies and action points into their sector specific schemes and programmes.
- ACS (Planning) was of the opinion that considering the progress already made by the State, the SDG specific targets can be achieved by 2022 instead of 2030.
- All the nodal departments may submit their goal specific vision documents by 20th Feb 2017.
- Planning department will hold a meeting with the department of Environment, Science & Technology and Forest Department to clarify as which is the nodal department for SDG No. 12.
- The departments may, if needed, coordinate with the Consultants (SDGs) of National Foundation of India, who are based in Planning Department, for facilitating the preparation of their respective vision documents.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks from and to the Chair.