VISION INDIA @2047

An exercise to envision India@2047 is being undertaken by the Government of India under the rubric of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to meet the following aspirations:

- attaining new heights of prosperity of the country
- Making best facilities available both in the villages and the cities
- Eliminating unnecessary interference by the Government in the lives of citizens
- Building world's most modern infrastructure.

In this regard, the following themes have identified for rural development sectors on which action may need to be taken. Inputs on ONE or MANY of the Following themes on ANY OTHER theme are requested. The following note is only indicative – free thinking is encouraged. The views/comments/propositions may be sent to kalyani.mishra@nic.in and sn-mishra@nic.in.

LIST OF THEMES

(i) Social Development

- ➤ Whether the present social service delivery pattern and social security is adequate?
- ➤ How should this change as India reaches 2047?
- ➤ What should be the shape and architecture of social security?
- ➤ What should be the role of the panchayats and local governments and the strategy to achieve this?

(ii) Rural Infrastructure

- ➤ Whether the basic rural infrastructural facilities in villages, like, schools, water supply & sanitation facilities, IT & communication, health, good quality sustainable roads connecting to basic facilities, like PHC, school, market etc. are adequate?
- ➤ Whether the current efforts of the Government in providing rural housing with environmentally efficient designs with focus on use of solar power, wind energy to meet energy requirements is adequate?
- ➤ What should be the strategy to achieve these futuristic objectives as India reaches 2047?

(iii) Environmental concerns

- ➤ Considering the current pace of climatic change, what should be the strategy to reduce green house effects and carbon emission and how to achieve these objectives as India reaches 2047?
- What should be the areas which would be focused to achieve these objectives?

(iv) Growing Population & Urbanisation

- ➤ At the present rate of increase in population, what should be our strategy to manage population growth and reduce the load on urban areas?
- ➤ What should be our strategy for urbanization of villages?

(v) Agriculture & Allied activities and Development of Rural Industries

- ➤ The Agriculture sector of the country is gradually shifting from traditional method to modernization. However, each system has its positive and negative aspects. What should be the shape of our Agricultural activities our country to meet the demand?
- ➤ What would be our strategy to ensure the quality of agricultural produce?
- ➤ India has an important place in production of traditional handicraft, cottage and food processing industries etc. What should the strategy adopted to nurture these efforts?

(vi) Employment & Changes in Occupational Structure

- ➤ Currently, agriculture sector contributes 18% to the GDP while it employs about 40% of the workforce. What should be the potential avenues where our workforce could be meaningfully engaged?
- ➤ What should be our strategy to impart knowledge-based skills and encourage female participation in rural employment sector?

(vii) Technological issues

➤ It is expected that the digital eco-system is going to rise in the rural areas. India's large population, provide an opportunity to pioneer the development of *hybrid online-offline systems* for Social services, government services, finance, and business services. What should be our strategy so that India will be a leading digital economy in the World by 2047?

(viii) Energy

➤ How to address the requirement of energy to the villages by making available the alternative source of energy viz. wind energy, solar energy etc., wherever feasible?

(ix) Building of Institutional expertise and Centres of Excellence

- ➤ What should be our strategy to achieve convergence between ministries & departments for building the right set of expertise?
- ➤ For creating global leaders in our private and public set of companies, the market place needs to be analyzed first especially for rural India based traditional industries. How should be our strategy in this regard?

(x) Balanced Regional Development

➤ India is not observing a balanced growth throughout the country. What should be the strategy to reduce disparities across Regions and States?

(xi) Quality Assurance & Regulatory Activities

➤ Rule of law and good governance is a precondition of economic, social and educational development. What should be the regulatory changes required to achieve this objectives?

(xii) Research & Development

➤ India is lagging in R&D Activities as compared to most developed countries. Concern may be given to R&D activities in rural areas for its holistic development in every sphere of rural life viz. social and economic. What should be our strategy in this regard?
