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Sub: Constitution of Task Force on Definitional and Statistical Issues relating to the Unorganised Sector.

It has been decided that a Task force on Definitional and Statistical Issues relating to the Unorganised Sector be set up.

2. The composition of the Task Force shall be as follows:

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3. Dr. T.S. Papola, Prt Time Member, NCEUS, Director, Labour Expert, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, Narender Niketan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-2
4. Dr. N.S. Sastry, Parsila Bhavan, N.C.A.E.R. 11, I.P. Estate, M.G. Road, New Delhi-2
5. Dr. Sheila Bhalla, Member, Advisory Board, NCEUS, Institute for Human Development, Old IAMI Building, (3rd Floor), I.P. Estate, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-2
6. Dr. G. Raveendran, Additional Director General, Central Statistical Organisation Sardar Patel Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
7. Shri S.V. Ramana Murthy Deputy Secretary, NCEUS- Convenor 1 Tolstoy Marg, 19th floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhavan New Delhi-110001.

- 3 The Terms of Reference of the Task Force shall be as follows:
 - 3.1 Critically examine the existing definitions on unorganized and informal sectors for purposes of estimation of employment and income.
 - 3.2 In the light of the above, suggest a criterion or a set of criteria for defining the unorganized and informal sectors and discuss their merits and demerits.
 - 3.3. Suggest improvements/revisions/alternatives for formulating a common definition for the unorganized and/or informal sector cutting across the nature of economic activity (manufacturing and services)
 - 3.4. Review the methodology for measurement of employment as suggested by the Dantawala Committee so as to incorporate the dimensions of earnings and productivity.
 - 3.5. Examine the existing methodologies for estimating employment and income in the unorganized and informal sectors and suggest suitable modifications in line with (3.4) above.
 - 3.6 Critically analyze the case for a separate treatment of agriculture sector and agriculture workers within the unorganized/informal sector. If they ought to be treated separately, suggest appropriate ways of estimating income, employment and related aspects.
 - 3.7 Develop methodology of modifying the present estimates of employment, obtained from the NSSO surveys to incorporate the "new definition" of informal sector to arrive at estimates of employment, while maintaining the comparability of estimates over time .
 - 3.8 Identify the characteristics of the Informal Sector in terms of employment and size of capital and/or output with a view to assessing the employment potential of the sector.
 - 3.9 To consider any other matter related with or incidental to above Terms of Reference.
4. The Chairman of the Group may co-opt any other person as Member of the Group.
5. The Chairman may invite specialists to particular meetings of the Special Group.
- 6 The Task Force shall submit its draft report within six months of the issue of the Order and its final report within eight months.
7. The expenses towards TA/DA of the official members of the Task Force shall be met by the Government Departments/Institutions to which they belong. The TA/DA of non-official Members and invitees to meetings will be paid by NCEUS as admissible to Grade I Officers of the Government of India.

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Under Secretary