

PRESS RELEASE

NITI sorts out the pending issues of Telangana with the Ministries of Union Government

As a part of its mandate to promote cooperative federalism, the NITI Aayog held a meeting of senior officials from the state of Telangana and six Central Ministries to resolve a number of outstanding issues of the state vis-à-vis the ministries. The two-hour meeting on 28th January 2016 was chaired by Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog. It experimented with a new approach to the resolution of issues between states and central ministries by bringing the two sides face-to-face with the Vice Chairman actively nudging them towards a possible solution.

About 20 important issues flagged by the State Government relating to Ministries of Coal; Power; Petroleum & Natural Gas; Environment, Forests & Climate Change; Culture; Finance; and Rural Development were discussed. At the end of the meeting, nearly all but two or three issues could be resolved to the satisfaction of both sides. Substantial progress was made even on issues that could not be brought to full resolution during the meeting. Shri T. Ramachandru, Special Representative and Shri Pradeep Chandra, Special Chief Secretary, Finance, Telangana expressed deep satisfaction at the outcome of the meeting and was appreciative of the initiative by NITI Aayog. Based on the success of this experience, the Aayog stands ready to work with other interested states to help debottleneck their projects and programs. In future meetings, it also intends to take up implementation or other issues the central ministries face in the states and require action by the latter.
