

Minutes of the Meeting of Steering Committee for 'Quadrupling GDP of Meerut'

(Held on 30th Dec 2023 at MCA Office, Meerut)

Attendees:

Shri Rajendra Agarwal (MP)- In Chair

Shri Amit Agarwal (MLA)

Shri Deepak Meena (DM)

Shri Amitpal Sharma (MC, MNN)

Shri Abhishek Pandey (VC, MDA)

Smt Nupur Goel (CDO)

Smt Mamata Malviya (Dy MC, MNN)

Shri Anil Bhardwaj, Secretary General FISME

Shri Dinesh Singhal, MCF

Shri Abhishek Singhal

& select representatives of sectors

The meeting commenced with Shri Dinesh Singhal representing host MCF welcoming Shri Rajendra Agrawal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and requesting him to Chair the meeting. Shri Agrawal having assumed chair welcomed all participant

Agenda point 1: Opening Remarks

Addressing the first meeting of the Steering Committee after release of the study by Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance for State Shri Pankaj Chaudhari on Dec 2nd, 2023, Chairman informed that the study was presented to Hon'ble PM who appreciated the fact that the study was done by people of Meerut. He even remarked that this was how the GDP growth plan should be made. PMO later requested 30 copies and took note of the action plan prepared for execution. He reminded the Committee members that the study generated a lot of interest in political and economic circles and there was heightened responsibility of the Committee to excel in execution also to meet the expectations.

Agenda Point 2: Review of Steering Committee Terms of Reference & composition

A note on Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee was presented which described Objective, Composition of the Committee, Role, Working Groups and mandate for Stakeholder engagement. The ToRs were approved.

Approved

Agenda Point 3: Action Plan

A draft plan of action to implement the recommendations of the study for 'Quadrupling GDP of Meerut' was presented to the Committee. The committee took note of the following:

- i. The State Govt. was already pushing for investment mobilization and ground of various infrastructure projects in Meerut.

Need for coordination stressed

- ii. In context of improving participation of women in work force, a working women hostel was being built in industrial area of Meerut by Nagar Nigam.

Provision for expansion of facility suggested

- iii. On relocation of labour from Agri to high skilled job two steps were discussed:
 - a. Apprenticeship: The number of apprenticeship opportunities for Govt depts/ private industries to be identified and encouraged
 - b. Skill Development: Meetings with industry & clusters to identify the skills required by them.

Noted

- iv. Institutional Reform: With regards to Committee was apprised that most of the issues raised in study were already in consideration and 8 zonal plans out 15 would definitely be completed upto Aug 2024. Further, MDA was working on 'Form based planning' to pave way for many structures in old settlements to be regularised. For reducing delays, MDA was in process of digitizing most of its services. About the delays in road projects due to land acquisition, 'Town Planning Scheme' model of Gujarat could be emulated. Because small discretionary additions in industries- even within 10% of approved area, could not be allowed under the prevailing regulations, amendment in byelaws was suggested.

- v. Strengthening of clusters: It was proposed to identify their requirements of clusters, meetings with each cluster to be done separately on priority.

Noted. Immediate meeting with clusters to be planned.

Agenda Point 4: Formation of Working Groups

- i. To implement the suggestions of the study, sectoral Working Groups are proposed for namely Industry, Services, Education, Agriculture, Institutional reforms among others.

Confirmed

- ii. To kick start the consultation process with Industry and Services clusters in the city, the Industry Working group comprising of the following was proposed:

Working Group on Industry clusters :

- Shri Girish Gupta, Chairman
- Shri Deependra
- Shri S.P. Gupta
- Shri Ravi Allen
- Shri Gaurav
- Shri Nipun Jain
- Shri Farmuddin Ahmed
- (Dy GM, SBI)

Working group on Services:

- CA Pranav Gupta, Chairman
- Dr Sanjay Gupta (Legal)
- Shri Utkarsh Jain (Construction)
- Shri Nalin Garg (Tourism)
- Shri Puneet, MIET (Education)
- Representatives (to be identified) for Hotel & Restaurant, Architectural, Nursing Homes, Street vendors & Hawkers Union

Approved

Agenda Point 5: Discussion on Meeting with stakeholders

To unveil the Action plan for implementation and seek feedback, a meeting with larger stakeholder group is proposed to be held on 11th Jan 2024. A tentative programme structure was also presented. Committee noted the interest of SBI, Meerut to sign an MoU with implementing entity for ensuring requisite funding to industrial and services clusters.

Approved

Agenda Point 6: Discussion on Resource Center for NEP 2020

Taking note critical role of education identified in the study and lack of awareness and capacity to implement NEP 2020 in schools and colleges, a note was shared with the committee for setting up a resource. The Committee noted the need and proposed that a facilitation center be established to create awareness in secondary schools for NEP 2020 implementation. An NGO to be identified for handholding students from Class 9th onwards for career guidance and job placement. The funding for NGO can be done through CSR.

Approved

Agenda Point 7: Any other point

For smooth coordination with administration, CDO was made contact point on behalf of administration.

Confirmed

Agenda Point 8: Schedule of Next meeting

It was agreed that regular meetings were necessary to review progress and plan for next moves. Frequency of the meeting of Steering Committee proposed was every 15-30 days., depending on the requirement.

Noted

With no other remaining issue to be discussed, meeting concluded with thanks to the chair.
