

PLANNING COMMISSION
(E&F DIVISION)

Topic: Study Proposal on Environmental Performance Index (EPI)

BACKGROUND

In the 12th Plan, Planning Commission is required to develop the Environmental Performance Index (EPI).

- 1.1 Institutional mechanism for research on ecosystems, bio-diversity and sustainable development is vital for ensuring sustainability of ecosystem services and biodiversity maintenance and hence an institution for achieving this is a necessity.
- 1.2 The proposed EPI criteria and indicators are presented in Table 7.2 of the 12th Plan document at page 219.

OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To construct Environmental Performance Index for the year 2012-13 and ranking of States and UTs.
- 2.2 To propose a mechanism of incentivize Environmental Performance based on EPI ranking.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 The study will strategically examine the existing methodology and subsequently suggest appropriate methodology based on detailed scrutiny of the computation and statistical validity of such an index.
- 3.2 It will also comprehensively analyze the international methodologies, global best practices, and accordingly incorporate aspects into the index relevant to national scenario.
- 3.3 Develop a set of indicators/parameters based on a comprehensive assessment of state-wise data and their periodic availability to arrive at a nationally acceptable ranking system.

METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 Draft report will be discussed with stakeholders in 2-3 workshops. The selected agencies will collect primary data from the States and UTs.
- 4.2 It will carefully select indicators which will be used for the computation of the index.
- 4.3 It will validate the data with the current trends and compute the index based on the robust methodology for indicators.

DELIVERABLES

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