

New Delhi, the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

**Subject: Constitution of a Group of Ministers (GoM) to look into the bifurcation of the State of Andhra Pradesh and formation of a new State of Telangana.**

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The Cabinet had, in its meeting held on 03.10.2013, considered the note dated 03.10.2013 from the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding "Bifurcating the State of Andhra Pradesh and formation of a new State of Telangana" and approved the proposal for the creation of a new State of Telangana by bifurcating the existing State of Andhra Pradesh. The Cabinet also decided *inter alia* that a Group of Ministers (GoM) be constituted to address all the issues that need resolution at the Central and State Government levels in the matter.

2. The composition of the GoM, as approved by the Prime Minister, will be as under:

Shri Sushilkumar Shinde,  
Minister of Home Affairs;  
Shri A.K. Antony,  
Minister of Defence;  
Shri P. Chidambaram,  
Minister of Finance;  
Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad,  
Minister of Health and Family Welfare;  
Shri M. Veerappa Moily,  
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and  
Shri Jairam Ramesh,  
Minister of Rural Development.

**Special Invitee**

Shri V. Narayanasamy,  
Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office.

3. The GoM may, if considered necessary, also invite any member of the Union Council of Ministers as a Special Invitee.

4. The terms of reference of the GoM will be as below:

- (i) Determine the boundaries of the new State of Telangana and the residuary State of Andhra Pradesh with reference to the electoral constituencies, judicial and statutory bodies, and other administrative units;
- (ii) look into the legal and administrative measures required to ensure that both the State Governments can function efficiently from Hyderabad as the common capital for 10 years;
- (iii) take into account the legal, financial and administrative measures that may be required for transition to a new capital of the residuary State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (iv) look into the special needs of the backward regions and districts of both the States and recommend measures;
- (v) look into the issues relating to law and order, safety and security of all residents and to ensure peace and harmony in all regions and districts consequent to the formation of the State of Telangana and the residuary State of Andhra Pradesh, and the long term internal security implications arising out of the creation of the two States and make suitable recommendations;
- (vi) look into the sharing of river water, irrigation resources and other natural resources (especially coal, water, oil and gas) between the two States and also inter-se with other States, including the declaration of Polavaram Irrigation Project as a National Project;

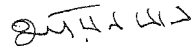
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- (vii) look into the issues related to power generation, transmission and distribution between the two States;
- (viii) look into the issues arising on account of distribution of assets, public finance, public corporations and liabilities thereof between the two States;
- (ix) look into the issues relating to the distribution of the employees in the subordinate as well as All India Services between the two States;
- (x) look into the issues arising out of the Presidential Order issued under Article 371D of the Constitution consequent to the bifurcation; and
- (xi) examine any other matter that may arise on account of the bifurcation of the State of Andhra Pradesh and make suitable recommendations.

5. The GoM will be serviced by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

6. Ministry of Home Affairs will ensure that the agenda papers/minutes of the meeting etc. are expeditiously forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office and the Cabinet Secretariat.

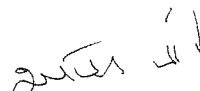
  
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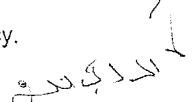
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