

# Planning Processes in India



*India's Planning Commission*  
*Part B*

# Functions

The functions of the Planning Commission include the following:

- ❖ To make an assessment of the material, capital and human resources of the country, including technical personnel, and investigate the possibilities of augmenting those are related resources which are found to be deficient in relation to the nation's requirement.
- ❖ To formulate a plan for the most effective and balanced utilisation of country's resources

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- ❖ To define the stages, on the basis of priority, in which the plan should be carried out and propose the allocation of resources for the due completion of each stage
- ❖ To indicate the factors that tends to retard economic development.
- ❖ To determine the conditions which need to be established for the successful execution of the plan.

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- ❖ To appraise from time to time the progress achieved in the execution of each stage of the plan and also recommend the necessary adjustments of policy and measures necessary for successful implementation of plan
- ❖ To determine the nature of the machinery required for securing the successful implementation of each stage of the plan

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- ❖ To achieve public co-operation in national development.
- ❖ Hill Areas Development Programme
- ❖ Perspective Planning
- ❖ Therefore, the Planning Commission is responsible to advice the government on economic and social development planning
- ❖ The government is responsible to take decisions on the recommendations of the Planning Commission and implement them.

# Critical Appraisal of Planning Commission

- ❖ Planning Commission was established as an advisory body but gradually, it became powerful and emerged dominant in policy decisions of the government
- ❖ Many critics have labeled it as a Super Cabinet, a Parallel Cabinet, and an Economic Cabinet and so on
- ❖ The presence of Planning Commission had encroached upon the authority and functions of Finance Commission as there was no clear boundary between roles and responsibilities of the two bodies

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- ❖ It has also been criticised for encroaching upon federal system of the country
- ❖ K. Santhanam, an eminent constitutional expert, criticized the Planning Commission of superseding the federal system of India
- ❖ P.V. Rajamannar highlighted the overlapping of roles and responsibilities of the Planning Commission and the Finance Commission

Thank You