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Planning Commission
Yojana Bhawan, Research Division**

Dated at New Delhi: 31st March, 2014

**Public Notice # 7
Regarding
The Research & Study Scheme of the Planning
Commission**

Sub: Inviting EOIs research/study on the subjects as mentioned in Annexure-I and II (TOR).

Planning Commission invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for conducting research/study on the topic mentioned in Annexure-I and II of the instant Public Notice from institutions/organizations of repute (including universities/deemed universities) as per the write-up/TOR enclosed as Annexure-II. EOIs were invited earlier also, vide Public Notice # 2 dated the 21st January, 2014, posted on the instant web-site, on the same topics but the EOIs received are not found to be sufficient to allow short-listing of eligible institutions/organizations for the study under consideration. That is why it has been decided by the Competent Authority to allow another 2 weeks for submission of fresh EOIs on the topics.

The institutions/organizations desirous of submitting the EOIs should have proven experience and expertise in research activities in relevant fields, and, while submitting the EOIs, they should indicate the same. As regards the expertise, the names of the relevant faculty members/resource persons should also be mentioned in the EOIs thus submitted.

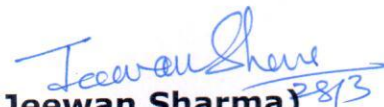
While submitting the EOIs, the institutions/organizations should also indicate, in brief, how they propose to conduct the research/study and the time they would require to complete the research/study work as per the proposed

TOR, in the context of the guidelines of the Research & Study Scheme, October, 2013, available on the Planning Commission website.

The research/study cannot be taken up by Planning Commission itself due to shortage of manpower and due to paucity of time to undertake such a research/study requiring extensive literature survey or sample surveys or both. The objective of the research/study are well explained in the enclosed document. The aim is to arrive at the policy prescriptions on the issue and to have more focused feedbacks for policy-making.

The Research/Study proposals, for which EOIs are being invited, will be funded under the Research & Study Scheme of the Planning Commission, October, 2013. The guidelines of the scheme may be seen from its website: <http://planningcommission.gov.in/>. Hence all the institutions/organizations are requested to go through the Guidelines of the Research and Study Scheme, October, 2013 of the Planning Commission before responding to this Public Notice, especially to satisfy themselves that they fulfill all the eligibility criteria for availing of grant under the said scheme and also that they can conduct as per the guidelines.

The EOIs may be submitted in e-mail (to the id research-pc@nic.in) and by post (to Deputy Secretary (Research), Planning Commission, Room#563, Yojana Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110 001). The EOIs must be sent in envelopes superscribed with the words 'EOIs on [name of the topic, as mentioned in Annexure-I]' and the same must reach the Planning Commission latest by the 14th April, 2014. Those who had submitted EOIs on this topics in response to the Public Notice # 2 need not resubmitted their proposals again. For further query in these regards, Dr. B. Bishoi, SRO (Research) (+91-11-23042832) and Research Division (+91-11-23042441) may please be contacted over phone.


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