

# **Programme Evaluation Organisation(PEO)**

## **1. Functions and Objectives**

The Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) undertakes evaluation of selected programmes/schemes under implementation, as per the requirement of the various Divisions of Planning Commission and Ministries/Departments of Government of India. The evaluation studies are designed to assess the performance, process of implementation, effectiveness of the delivery systems and impact of programmes.

The objectives of evaluation work taken-up by PEO includes objective assessment of process and impact of the development programmes, identifying the areas of success and failures at different stages of administration and execution, analysis of reasons for success or failure, examining extension methods and people's reactions thereto and deriving lessons for future improvement in the formulation and implementation of the new programmes/schemes.

## **2. Organisational Structure**

The PEO is primarily a field level organization under the overall charge of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. It has a three-tier structure with its Headquarters at Planning Commission, New Delhi. The middle rung is represented by the Regional Evaluation Offices, while the next link are the Field Units known as the Project Evaluation Offices.

At the apex is the Headquarters at New Delhi, which is responsible for evolving suitable methodologies including statistical designs for various type of evaluation studies, organizing execution and monitoring of sample surveys, data processing, statistical analysis and interpretation of qualitative and quantitative data generated by the field units and also for bringing out the Evaluation Reports. The Organisation is headed by

the Adviser (Evaluation). At the headquarters, a Joint Adviser, 5 Directors/Deputy Advisers and 3 Senior Research Officers support the Adviser. The Directors/Deputy Advisers are responsible for designing and execution of evaluation studies and act as 'Project Directors'.

The middle link of the PEO represents 7 Regional Evaluation Offices, which are located at Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow and Mumbai.

The Field Units, known as Project Evaluation Offices constitute the third tier of PEO. These are located in the capital cities of 8 major states of the country, viz. at Guwahati, Bhubaneshwar, Shimla, Bangalore, Bhopal, Patna, Trivandrum and Ahmedabad.