

## **Socio-Economic Research (SER) Division**

1. Socio Economic Research Division assists Planning Commission in implementing the scheme for grant-in-aid to Universities/Research Institutions for carrying out research studies, seminars, conferences etc and encourages the activities on Planning and Development.
2. A Committee of 'Group of Advisers' under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Planning Commission has been constituted in September 22, 1998 for the purpose of considering the research proposals on Studies / Seminars etc. Two to three meetings of the Group of Advisers are held every year depending upon the number of proposals received.
3. The broad functions of SER Division are:
  - 3.1. Examination of proposals seeking grant in aid for research studies /seminars/conferences/Publication grants to Institutes of National repute.
  - 3.2. Preparation of background notes on proposals received for consideration of Group of Advisers.
  - 3.3. Issue of sanctions etc. for grant-in-aid for the study proposals/seminars/conferences approved by Group of Advisers.
  - 3.4. Release of installments of grant-in-aid for the studies/seminars etc. approved by the Planning Commission after reviewing their progress.
  - 3.5. Placing the studies completed on the website of the Planning Commission.
  - 3.6. To monitor the progress of the research studies/seminars/Units of Planning & Development established in various Universities/Institutes.