

COMMITTEES & WORKING/EXPERT GROUPS

[Participation by Arvind Virmani]

1. Presented a Paper to, and deposited before the Alexander Committee on Import Export Policy.
2. Presented a Paper to the Dagli Committee on Controls and Subsidies (seventies).
3. Sent a Paper to the Committee on Direct Tax Reform (seventies).
4. Working Group on Balance of Payments for the Eighth Plan, 1989 (**member secretary**).
5. Standing Group on Forecasting of Foreign Exchange Reserves [member, 1992-1993].
6. Working Group for Pruning of Negative List of Imports & Exports of the “Export Import Policy 1992-97,” Ministry of Commerce, February, 1993¹
7. Group for Tax Reforms in the field of Direct Taxes, May 1993.²
8. Group for Tax Reforms on Indirect Taxes, May 1993.³
9. Steering Group on Processing Tax Reform Proposals, May 1993 (chairman Prof. Raja Chelliah, Fiscal Advisor).
10. Committee on MODVAT Reform of Hydrocarbon sector, Revenue Department, 1993-94 (as **chairman**).⁴
11. Committee on, “Extension of MODVAT to Textiles”, Revenue Department, June-July 1993 (as **chairman**).
12. Internal Working Group on Reform of Laws, Rules and Procedures (chairman Mr. Gupta).
13. Member of Ninth Plan Groups/Sub-groups (1995-96) on,
 - i) Resource Mobilisation
 - ii) Tax Policy
 - iii) Domestic and Foreign Savings
 - iv) Non-plan expenditures.
 - v) Foreign Savings(chairman).
14. Expert Group on Savings and Investment Statistics, Dept of Statistics (chairman Dr. Chelliah), 1995-96, 1996-97.

¹ Chairman was DGFT.

² CEA, Ch CBDT, AS(rev), JS(TPL I), JS(TPL II) were also members.

³ CEA, Ch CBEC, AS(rev), Com(TRU) were also members.

⁴ Set up by M.R. Sivaraman, Sec(rev) on 4th May 1993. Other members were S.C.Sen Adl. Cntrlr(cus) Delhi, S Naryanan, JS(textiles) & A.K Chowdhry Jt Text Commisner. Mr. Phanda AEA was subsequently added to the group.

15. Advisory Committee of NAS, Dept of Statistics, 1995-6, 1996-97.
16. Advisory Committee on Poverty Estimates, 1995-96 & 1996-97.
17. Permanent Standing member, SEBI Primary & Secondary market advisory committees, 1995-96, 1996-97.
18. Member Standing committee on Promoting (financial) Research inputs into Policy, 1995-6, 1996-97.
19. Expert Group on Commercialisation of Infrastructure Projects, 1995-96 (member).
20. Member committee on modalities for Phasing out of Ad-hoc T bills.
21. RBI Standing Technical Advisory Committee on Government Securities Market 1996-97 (member).
22. RBI Technical Working Group on Money Markets Market, 1996-97 (member).
23. Expert Committee on UTI, 1998-99 (chairman Deepak Parikh).
24. Working Group on Quota Reform at the World Bank and IMF, 1998.
25. High Level Committee on ECB, Ministry of Finance (member).
26. RBI Technical Working Group on Government Securities and Money Markets, 1998-9 to 2000.
27. Committee on Small Savings, MOF, April-September 1998 (member).
28. Internal Group on Excise Tax Exemption, MOF, 1999 (member).
29. Chandrashekhar (SEBI) committee on Venture Capital Funds (member).
30. Task Force on Employment Opportunities, Planning Commission 2000: Ahluwalia Committee (member).
31. Hydro-Carbon Vision 2020, Sub-Group on Taxation (member).
32. Corporate Positioning Committee of UTI (member).
33. Expert Group on Middle Office for Public Debt Management, 2000 (**chairman**).
34. High-level committee on Fertiliser Capacity, 2000 (chairman Dr. Alag).
35. Expert Group on Mega-Chemical Industrial Estates, 2000 (member).
36. Expert Committee on Service Tax, 2000 (member).
37. Committee on International Standards and Codes, 2000.
38. Inter Ministerial Working Group on Customs Duty Reform, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, July 2001 (**Convener/Chairman**).⁵
39. Steering Group on FDI for the Tenth Plan, Planning Commission, 2001-2002 (**Member-Secretary**).

⁵ Formally convener. Chaired all the meetings and drafted the report.

40. Committee on Tax Reforms and Implementation, Planning Commission, 2001-2002
Chaired by Mr. N. K. Singh, Member, Planning Commission (Member).
41. Steering Committee on Communication and Information for the 10th Plan, 2001-2
(Member).
42. High Level Expert Group on New Pension Scheme, 2001-2 (Member).
43. Steering Committee on Savings for the 10th Plan, 2001 (Member).
44. Working Group on Programme Evaluation, 10th Plan, 2001-2 (**Member-Secretary**).
45. Steering Committee on Education for the 10th Plan, 2001-2.
46. Steering Committee on Health for the 10th Plan, 2001-2.
47. Member, Expert Group on Trade and Investment, constituted by Ministry of Commerce
& Industry, September 2002*.
48. Member, Special Presidency Group of International Chamber of Commerce, October
2002*.
49. Member of the Panel of Referees for the refereed journal Strategic Analysis of the
Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), December 2002*.
50. Chairman, Internal Audit Committee of India Habitat Centre, January 2003*.
51. Member of Selection Committee of Indo-Shastri SHARP project, nominated by the
Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education), March 2003.
52. Member of the Board of Centre for Policy Research, March 2003*.
53. Member (President's Nominee) on the Academic Council of the TERI School of
Advanced Studies, April 2003.
54. Member of Market Development Advisory Committee, setup by Securities and
Exchange Board of India, April 2003*.
55. Member of We Think for India (WTI), New Delhi, March 2003*
56. UGC nominee on the Search Committee for Selection of Director of IIFT, June 2003.
57. Member of High Power Committee Constituted by the Council of Scientific &
Industrial Research, June 2003*.
58. Member (part-time) of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), July 2003*.
59. Member Programme Advisory Committees of Indo-Shastri SHARP project, nominated
by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education), August
2003*.
60. Member (ex-officio) of the Advisory Committee on Trade Policy, Industrial Performance
and Private Sector Development for the Asian Development Bank Sponsored Technical

Assistance Project on Policy Research Networking to Strengthen Policy Reforms, August 2003*.

61. Chairman of the Board of Trustees of SBI Mutual Fund, September 2003*.
62. Member (Expert) of the Research Council for National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS), January 1, 2004*.
63. Member of the Joint Study Group (JSG) on India -China trade and economic cooperation, February 2004*.
64. Member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on Money, Foreign Exchange and Government Securities Markets, Reserve Bank of India, February 2004*.
65. Member of the Multidisciplinary and Intermediation Research Committee (MIRRC), Global Development Network, May 2004*.
66. Expert Member of the Advisory Committee for organising 'Research Day Awards', University Grants Commission, July 2004*.
67. Chairman of the Sub-Group on Floating Rate Bonds of the Reserve Bank of India, December 2004*.
68. Member of the Joint Study Group (JSG) on India-Republic of Korea bilateral economic linkages between two countries, January 2005*.

* Represents Membership/Committees which are currently active.