

Cabinet gives nod to Niti Aayog-like body in Uttar Pradesh

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LUCKNOW: With an aim to make Uttar Pradesh a USD 1 trillion economy and work towards a result-oriented implementation of policies and schemes, the state cabinet on Tuesday gave its approval to restructuring the existing State Planning Commission on the lines of Niti Aayog. The new body, to be called State Transformation Commission (STC), will be headed by the chief minister and will work by collaborating with the government on policies, innovations and providing suggestions.

Urban development minister AK Sharma on Tuesday confirmed the development, first reported by TOI in July.

CM to be head of state transformation commission

The state planning commission was set up on August 24, 1972. Now, on the lines of the Niti Aayog, which was formed after the restructuring of the Planning Commission after Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power, this will also be restructured. The STC will work as a think tank with experts from various fields as its members. It will collaborate with the government on chances, what policies will work and what will not, how the state's economy can progress, new skills, innovations etc," he said, stressing that the main aim of the STC will be to ensure outcome based performance of the government. The CM will be the chairperson of the STC which will also have as its members the two deputy CMs and ministers of finance, agriculture, social welfare, panchayati raj, industrial development, jal sShakti, urban development and planning. The deputy chairperson will be a public administrator, economist or someone linked with the field, to be nominated by the CM.

Members of the executive committee will consist of the chief secretary, infrastructure and industrial development commissioner, social welfare commissioner, agriculture produce commissioner, and additional chief secretary, principal secretary or secretary, who ever is the senior most officer at that time, of the departments of finance, agriculture, urban and rural development, health and family welfare, industrial development, irrigation and water resources, and planning. Non-government members will also be nominated or invited. Sharma said that such experts would be drawn from the fields of social welfare, agriculture and allied sectors, finance and economic, industrial development and power

The CEO of the organisation will be a public servant or chief secretary or retired bureaucrat. The membership to the STF will be for three years which can be increased by two years in special circumstances.