UP Transformation Commission sets up 14-member advisory body

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CHIEF MINISTER Yogi Adityanath-led State Transformation Commission, a think-tank of the Uttar Pradesh government, has constituted a 14-member council, headed by former NITI Aayog CEO Parameswaran Iyer, to advise it on various issues including investment promotion and industrial development.

An order of this effect was issued Wednesday by Manoj Kumar Singh, the Chief Executive Officer of the Uttar Pradesh State Transformation Commission. Singh will also serve as the council's vice chairman.

Parameswaran Iyer, the former NITI Aayog CEO who has been appointed the chairman of the advisory council, has also served as the Drinking Water and Sanitation Secretary at the Centre, and as a former executive director at the World Bank.

Two schemes launched during Iyer's tenure as the Drinking Water and Sanitation Secretary—Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)—faced allegations of irregularities.

Ex-NITI Aayog CEO Parameswaran Iyer to head the council

The other members of the council are—JB Park, Samsung Southwest Asia President and CEO; Jai Shroff, UPL Limited Chairman and Group CEO; and economist Dr. Indermit Gill.

Leading genetics expert and Padma Shri awardee Dr Ashok Kumar Singh, HCL CEO and MD C Vijayakumar, Gates Foundation country director (India) Archna Vyas, CEEW founder Dr Arunabha Ghosh, and MS Swaminathan Research Foundation chairperson Dr Soumya Swaminathan are also on the council. Other members are Tornos founder and CEO Prateek Hira, FedEx Express Vice President Suvendu Choudhary, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) President and CEO Dr Mukesh Aghi, and UP STC ACEO Akshat Verma.

"The Chairman and Members of the Advisory Council shall be entitled to same travel and accommodation facilities within india as admissible to the Secretary to the Government of India, in connection with their participation in meetings of the Advisory Council or other official engagements associated/accruing from the Terms of Reference of the council after approval of the Competent Authority," reads the order.

The council will provide "strategic advice and recommendations" to the commission on the long-term economic transformation of Uttar Pradesh, keeping in view the vision of Viksit Uttar Pradesh @2047 and Viksit Bharat @2047, according to the order.

The council shall advise the UP STC on issues including economic transformation, investment promotion and industrial development, infrastructure, technology and innovation, human capital development, and others.