Effective State Business Relations: When Does It Happen And Why Does It Matter?

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Background

While growth has accelerated in India since the 1980s, the outcomes with respect to growth and poverty reduction has differed widely across Indian states. The differential paths of Indian states with respect to poverty reduction and economic growth since the reforms of the 1980s and 1990s seem to be related to some degree with the nature of state-business relations, by which is meant a set of highly institutionalised, responsive and public interactions between the state and the business sector.

In 2008-2009, the IPPG consortium and CUTS undertook a series of research projects to understand the nature of formal and informal interactions between the state and business across states in India, and how these have evolved over time; and to examine the effects of different types of state business relations on economic performance across Indian states in the post 1980 period. The workshop will report on the findings of the research and what these findings imply for policy.

Objectives

- To understand what constitutes effective state business relations in the Indian context;
- To understand why and how effective state business relations affect economic growth.
Proposed Agenda

Inaugural

0930 – 1000 Address by

Pranab Bardhan, University of California, Berkeley, USA
Furqan Qamar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Rajasthan
Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

Session 1 Effective State Business Relations in India – What Do We Know?

1000 – 1115 Chair

Pranab Bardhan, University of California, Berkeley, USA

1000 – 1020 Introduction to State Business Relations Research Programme

Siddhartha Mitra, CUTS International, Jaipur
Kunal Sen, Joint Director, IPPG Consortium and University of Manchester, United Kingdom

1020 – 1030 Measuring the Effectiveness of State Business Relations in India

Siddhartha Mitra
Massimilano Cali, Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom

1030 – 1035 Discussant 1

Paramita Dasgupta, Senior Private Sector Development Specialist, Investment Climate Advisory Services, The World Bank Group, New Delhi

1035 – 1040 Discussant 2

Nilachal Ray, Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Kolkata, India, Formerly Director General, Government of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Kolkata

1040 – 1115 General Discussion

1115 – 1135 Tea/Coffee
**Session 2**

**Effective State Business Relations: Why Does It Matter?**

1135 – 1300  Chair

Dr. Atindra Sen, Director General, Bombay Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mumbai, India

1135 – 1155  Why Effective State Business Relations Matters for Economic Growth?

Massimilano Cali and Vinish Kathuria, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai

1155 – 1215  What Can We Learn from the Experiences of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal?

Deepita Chakravarty, Associate Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, India
Gopinath Reddy, Professor, CESS
K. Srinivasulu, Chairman, Board of Studies in Political Science, Osmania University

1215 – 1220  Discussant 3

Vivek Pattanayak, Ex-Managing Director, Industrial Investment Promotion Corporation of Orissa Limited, India

1220 – 1225  Discussant 4

Anil Saraf, Director, Federation of Industries & Commerce of North Eastern Region, Assam, India

1225 – 1300  General Discussion

1300 – 1400  Lunch

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