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

Day and Date: Friday, December 18, 2009

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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.
## Agenda

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

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| 1010 – 1020 | Introduction to State Business Relations Research Programme | Siddhartha Mitra, CUTS International, Jaipur  
Kunal Sen, University of Manchester, United Kingdom |
| 1020 – 1040 | Measuring the Effectiveness of State Business Relations in India | Siddhartha Mitra  
Massimilano Cali, Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom |
| 1040 – 1045 | Discussant 1                                  | Paramita Dasgupta, The World Bank, New Delhi                                       |
| 1045 – 1050 | 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 |
| 1050 – 1120 | General Discussion                            |                                                                                  |
| 1120 – 1140 | Tea/Coffee                                    |                                                                                  |
Session 2  
Effective State Business Relations: Why Does It Matter?

1140 – 1300  Chair

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

1140 – 1200  Why Effective State Business Relations Matters for Economic Growth?

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

1200 – 1220  What Can We Learn from the Experiences of Andhra Pradesh 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

1220 – 1225  Discussant 3

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

1225 – 1230  Discussant 4

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

1230 – 1300  General Discussion

1300 – 1400  Lunch