File No. 13(86)/2021- I&M(I) National Institution for Transforming India (Industry-1 Vertical)

NITI Aayog, New Delhi 17th June 2021

ORDER

Subject: Task Force on Enforcement of Contracts (Revised Order)
Ref: "Taskforce on Enforcement of Contract" OM dated 18th March 2021

In order to address risk perception in investing and to achieve policy certainty it has been decided to constitute a Task Force with participation from key Ministries/Departments of Government of India and certain States Chief Secretaries to recommend a policy framework for Enforcement of Contracts.

2. The Composition of the Task Force is as under:

| (i) | Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog | Chairman |
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| (ii) | CEO, NITI Aayog | Member Secretary |
| (iii) | Secretary, DPIIT | Member |
| (iv) | Secretary, DEA | Member |
| (v) | Secretary, Revenue | Member |
| (vi) | Secretary, Department of Commerce | Member |
| (vii) | Secretary, Department of Justice | Member |
| (viii) | Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs | Member |
| (ix) | Chief Secretary (Maharashtra) | Member |
| (x) | Chief Secretary (Gujarat) | Member |
| (xi) | Chief Secretary (Andhra Pradesh) | Member |
| (xii) | Chief Secretary (Tamil Nadu) | Member |
| (xiii) | Chief Secretary (Uttar Pradesh) | Member |
| (xiv) | Any other member(s) as may be co-opted | |

3. Terms of Reference of the Task Force will be as follows:

(i) Present status of constitution and operationalisation of Commercial Courts, Divisions and Appellate Divisions with requisite infrastructure in all States *inter alia* to assess the impact of the Commercial Courts Act in terms of design, implementation, and outcomes.

- (ii) Examination of relevant provisions of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 on its jurisdiction over different categories of cases and pecuniary jurisdiction of Commercial Courts.
- (iii) Challenges in implementation of the provisions of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, and make recommendations thereon (inter alia compliance with the prescribed procedure and timelines).
- (iv) Usage of Case Information Software in Commercial cases for random and automated assigning of cases and eliminating human intervention.
- (v) Information dissemination through regular uploading of granular data on the websites of Commercial Courts relating to Commercial Cases.
- (vi) Any other measure.

4. General

- (i) The Chairman may Co-opt any other official/non-official expert/representative of any organization as Member to assist the Task Force.
- (ii) The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meeting of Task Force in respect of a Member or any co-opted official will be borne by the respective Government Organizations. Co-opted non-official persons, will be entitled for TA/DA as admissible to Grade-I Officials of the Government of India limited to economy class in case of air journey where applicable and the expenditure in this regard would be met by the NITI Aayog.
- (iii) The Task Force will be serviced by Industry-1 Vertical of NITI Aayog.
- 5. Task Force to submit its report within 6 (six) months of its constitution.

This issues with the approval of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.

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To,

Chairman and all members of the Task Force