UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Minutes of Meeting

Subject: B.A. (Hons) Economics – Fourth Semester (2012-13)
Course: 14 - Indian Economic Development since 1947 - I
Date of 2nd Meeting: 19th February, 2013 at 3.00 P.M.
Venue: Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
Convenor: Aditya Bhattacharjea and J.V. Meenakshi

Attended by:

1. Aasheerwad Dwivedi, SRCC
2. Poonam Kalra, St. Stephen’s College
3. Bhopinder Kaur, Miranda House
4. Sanjay Kumar, Dyal Singh College
5. Kartikeya Kohli, RLA (Eve.)
6. Deb Kusum Das, Ramjas College
7. Dolly Menon, LSR College
8. Divya, LSR College
9. Vibha Aggarwal, I.P. College
10. Rajan Kohli, ARSD College
11. Mandvi Singh, Sri Venkateshwara College
12. Aradhana Nanda, SGGS College of commerce

Readings for Units 3 and 4 were discussed. It was agreed that

- (Modified by email circulation): Reading 5 on poverty by Himanshu would be replaced by Datt and Ravallion article in EPW (Feb 13, 2010); Rath (EPW Oct 15 2011) to be recommended as background reading for teachers.
- Article on ‘Inequality’ by Ajit Mishra and Indranil Dutta in the New Oxford Companion to Economics is to be included, as there is otherwise no reading on this topic.
- Article by Khera to be dropped and considered for inclusion in the second IED course.
- Chapter 3 of Dreze and Sen (reading 1), along with Basu’s article (reading 12) would cover module 4. Chapters 5 and 6 will be background readings for Unit 2.

Minutes of the earlier meeting held on 4 January 2013 have already been posted at http://econdse.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/BAH-Paper-14-Indian-economic-Development-Since-1947-I.pdf. A consolidated list of topicwise readings, based on decisions of both meetings, is attached.

Pattern of Question Paper: It was agreed that students would be expected to answer any four out of six questions, with care being taken to discourage selective studying.
UNIT 1: Economic Development since Independence

a. Major features of the Economy at Independence
b. Growth and Development under different policy regimes- Goals, constraints, institution and Policy framework
c. Assessment of Performances- Sustainability and regional contrasts
d. Structural change
e. Savings and Investments

UNIT 2: Population and Economic Development

a. Demographic trends and issues
b. Education
c. Health and Malnutrition


Note: Chapters 5 and 6 from Dreze and Sen (2002) can be used by teachers as background material for lectures on Education and Health.
UNIT 3: Growth and Distribution

a. Trends in poverty, inequality and unemployment
b. Policies for eradicating poverty and generating employment

2. Report of the Expert Group to Review the Methodology for Estimation of Poverty (2009), Summary and Sections I-III


UNIT 4: International Comparison