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**Minutes of Meeting**

Subject : B.A. (Hons) Economics – Fourth Semester (2016)  
Course : 14 – Indian Economic development Since 1947 - I  
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Venue : Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics,  
University of Delhi  
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The following decisions were taken and confirmed by email circulation among those who attended:

UNIT 1: Add reading by Corbridge et al (Chapter 2)

UNIT 2: Replace Geeta Kingdon 2007 reading with Chapter 5 of Dreze and Sen; Add reading by David Bloom to list of Optional Readings

UNIT 3: Delete Sections I-III of Expert Group on Poverty (but retain Summary); Add paper by Rath (2011). Include Santosh Mehrotra's paper in list of optional readings

UNIT 4: Add Bosworth and Collins to list of optional readings.

*Exam pattern:* five out of eight questions.

Details of the revised reading list are as below:

### **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

1. Pulapre Balakrishnan, 2007, "The Recovery of India: Economic Growth in the Nehru Era", *Economic and Political Weekly*, November
2. Arvind Subramanian, 2012, "Growth Experience" in K Basu and A Maertens, *The New Oxford Companion to Economics*, Oxford University Press.
3. Rakesh Mohan, 2008, "Growth Record of Indian Economy: 1950-2008. A Story of Sustained Savings and Investment", *Economic and Political Weekly*, May.
4. Jagdish Bhagwati and Arvind Panagariya, 2013, *India's Tryst with Destiny*, pp. 4-5, 32-38.
5. Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen, 2013, *India: An Uncertain Glory*, chapter 2 & 3
6. Corbridge, Stuart, John Harriss and Craig Jeffrey, 2014, Chapter 2 in *India: Economy, Politics and Society*, (Oxford University Press, 2014).

### **UNIT 2: Population and Economic Development**

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

1. T. Dyson, 2008, "India's Demographic Transition and its Consequences for Development" in Uma Kapila, editor, *Indian Economy Since Independence*, 19th edition, Academic Foundation.
2. K. James, 2008, "Glorifying Malthus: Current Debate on Demographic Dividend in India", *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 14.
3. Rama Baru *et al.*, 2010, "Inequities in Access to Health Services in India: Caste, Class and Region", *Economic and Political Weekly*, September 18.
4. Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen, 2013, *India: An Uncertain Glory*, chapter 5
5. Jean Dreze, 2012, "Food and Nutrition" in Basu, K and A. Maertens (ed), *The New Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, OUP, 2012

6. J V Meenakshi, 2012, "Undernutrition" in Basu, K and A. Maertens (ed), *The New Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, OUP, 2012.

Note: The following can be ch.5, used by teachers as background material for lectures on Education and Health: Chapters 5 and 6 from Dreze and Sen (2013); Chapter 5 in Bhagwati and Panagariya (2013), and David Bloom (2011), "Population Dynamics in India and Implications for Economic Growth" PGDA, Harvard School of Public Health Working Paper 65.

### **UNIT 3: Growth and Distribution**

- a. Trends in poverty, inequality and unemployment
- b. Policies for eradicating poverty and generating employment
  1. Gaurav Datt and M Ravallion, 2010, "Shining for the Poor Too?" *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 13, 2010 (econometric discussion of biases in elasticity estimates on p.58 to be de-emphasized).
  2. *Report of the Expert Group to Review the Methodology for Estimation of Poverty* (2009), Summary
  3. Rath, N., 2011, "Measurement of Poverty: In Retrospect and Prospect", *Economic and Political Weekly*, October 15, 2011
  4. Ajit Mishra and Indrani Dutta, 2012, "Inequality" in Basu, K and A. Maertens (ed), *The New Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, OUP, 2012
  5. J.J. Thomas, 2012, "India's Labour Market during the 2000s: Surveying the Changes", *EPW* December 22.

Note: Teachers can refer to Santosh Mehrotra, Jajati Parida, Sharmistha Sinha and Ankita Gandhi, "Explaining Employment Trends in the Indian Economy: 1993-4 to 2011-12," *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 9, 2014 as a background reading

### **UNIT 4: International Comparisons**

1. Kaushik Basu, 2009, "China and India: Idiosyncratic Paths to High Growth", *Economic and Political Weekly*, September.
2. Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen, 2013, Chapter 3

Note: Teachers can refer to Barry Bosworth and Susan Collins, 2008, "Accounting for Growth: Comparing China and India" *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 22(1), pp. 45-66 as a background reading