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 Government of India
 Ministry of Rural Development
 (Department of Rural Development)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
 Dated 20th March, 2002

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of a Review Committee for the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).

It may be recalled that the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) was established in the year 1986 through merger of the two (erstwhile) organizations of PADI and CART with the objective of promoting voluntary action and effectively propagating rural technologies in the country. In the background of the role visualized for the Voluntary Agencies in the implementation of development programmes, over the years, the CAPART have striven to provide the institutional means to strengthen voluntary action in the rural development and rural technology sectors.

2. Following a review of CAPART's sanctioning procedures and administrative systems in the early Nineties, Regional Offices / Regional Committees and National Standing Committees were set up with powers to consider / approve proposals in a decentralized manner. The experience since then now points to the need for a detailed review of CAPART's performance and functioning in the light, inter alia, of changing needs, priorities and working conditions, including in the context of the expanding role of Panchayati Raj Institutions as an instrument to ensure people's participation in planning and decision making, as also empowerment of the rural poor through such mechanisms as Self Help Groups and by employing Information Technology on an extensive scale. It has, accordingly, been decided to constitute a Committee comprising of the following officials to submit Recommendations to the Minister of Rural Development in regard to CAPART's role and functioning in the coming years, its organizational structure, administrative/financial procedures and related issues:-

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| (i) | Secretary, Department of Rural Development | Chairperson |
| (ii) | Secretary, Deptt. of Science and Technology
(or his representative, not below the level of Joint Secretary) | Member |
| (iii) | Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser,
Ministry of Rural Development | Member |

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- (iv) Additional Secretary, Deptt. of Land Resources - Member
- (v) Dr. (Smt.) Rohini Nayyar,
Adviser (RD), Planning Commission - Member
- (vi) Joint Secretary - Member-Secretary
(in-charge of CAPART, Department of Rural Development)

3. The Committee, which will be provided Secretariat and other necessary assistance by Shri A.K. Angurana, Deputy Director General, CAPART, New Delhi, may invite NGO representatives, State Officials, relevant Experts, Social Workers and Director General, CAPART to participate in its deliberations from time to time.

4. The Committee will submit its Report by 30th June, 2002.



(Ms. A.K. Ahuja)

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy to:

- (i) PS to the Minister of Rural Development, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
- (ii) PS to MOS (RD-M)/PS to MOS (RD-P).
- (iii) Chairperson and Members of the Committee.
- (iv) Director General, CAPART, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

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