

Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science and Technology

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POLICY ON DATA SHARING AND ACCESSIBILITY

The Government has decided to make available some of the non-sensitive data generated by various organisations and institutions, at the cost of public funds, to the public to be used for scientific, economic and developmental purpose. For this purpose, the Government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to resolve the issue pertaining to oversight mechanism.

After the Government approval on the broad parameters for formulation of National Policy on Data Sharing and Accessibility, the then Hon'ble Minister for S&T and Earth Sciences chaired an Inter-ministerial meeting to discuss various issues related to the policy and facilitate preparing a detailed policy framework.

Subsequent to the discussions in the meeting, the Department has constituted five Working Groups as shown below:

Sl No	Task Force Nomenclature	Chairman & his/ her Ministry/ Department
1.	Data Classification	Chairman from Ministry of Defence
2.	Technology for Sharing and Access	Chairman from National Informatics Centre
3.	Global Best Practices for Data Standards	Chairman from Department of Science & Technology
4.	NDSAP in the Current Legal Framework	Chairman from Ministry of Legal Affairs
5.	Costing and Pricing Policy	Chairman from Department of Space

The Working Groups would be submitting their report by 31st March, 2011. In addition the Department has sought consultancy of Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad and Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR), Cochin for developing a comprehensive document through extensive public consultation and research.

After submitting the report, the Department of Science & Technology, as nodal department on the subject, would finalize a detailed policy document on National Policy for Data Sharing and Accessibility and obtain approval of the competent authority.

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