

Decentralised Planning

Causes of Dismal Performance of Decentralised Planning in India:

Following are some of important factors which are responsible for dismal performance of decentralised planning in India:

(i) Unsuccessful Land Reforms:

The success of decentralised planning depends much on the implementation of land reform measures viz., imposition of land ceiling and the redistribution of surplus lands, tenancy reforms, consolidation of holdings etc.

Under the semi-feudal conditions, land reforms in India could not be carried upon as per its true spirit. The Panchayati Raj institutions are dominated by landed interests and naturally they failed to show much interest in the implementation of beneficiary oriented programmes in rural areas of the country.

(ii) Lack of Proper Administrative Bodies:

In India, decentralised planning could not achieve much success due to lack of adequate administrative bodies at the local level for the implementation of its various programmes. Till today, various state governments failed to develop proper administrative bodies at the district and block level representing the local people having adequate norms.

(iii) Lack of Adequate Resource Transfer:

The government machinery has also failed to develop adequate managerial structures for also to finalize the modalities of decentralised planning in detailed form.

(iv) Ad-Hocism:

State governments are often following the path of ad-hocism as the regular elections of village panchayats and other local bodies are not being held. Thus the decentralised planning has not become effective and thus failed to become a powerful instrument of social change in India.