

## Decentralised Planning

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### **Importance of Decentralised Planning in India:**

**Following are some of the important functional factors responsible for adoption of decentralised planning in the present context in India:**

#### ***(vii) Social Services:***

Decentralised planning is helpful in raising the level of social services by launching various programmes of health, nutrition, drinking water, education etc. in a more effective, quicker and sustainable manner.

#### ***(viii) Use of Non-conventional Energy Sources:***

Decentralised planning is more helpful in utilizing the various non-conventional energy sources such as solar power, wind, animal and plant wastes etc. in rural areas. Such utilisation of non-conventional energy sources requires various agencies which can work in close association with communities in villages and small towns and also can provide

necessary technical and financial support from such agencies. Decentralised planning can pave the way for utilisation of such resources.

***(ix) Simple Planning Process:***

Decentralised planning process is more simple and transparent and thus it has a close link with democracy, co-operation and development. It has a vast scope for the active involvement of political and social forces at the appropriate level.

**Objectives of Decentralised Planning:**

Decentralised planning is introduced in India with certain definite objectives.

**Following are the three important objectives of decentralised planning:**

1. Effective implementation of poverty eradication programme;
2. Ensuring balanced regional development for meeting minimum needs of the people, and

3. Ensuring active public participation in the development process of different sectors