

BUDGET ANALYSIS RESEARCH
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Introduction

Budget Analysis and Research Centre Trust is a newly registered trust based in Jaipur, Rajasthan, which conducts budget analysis, budget tracking and doing socio-economic and policy research as well as budget and policy advocacy.

BARC Trust has been registered as a trust to carry forward the work BARC unit of AsthaSansthan, Udaipur which has been doing similar work for more than a decade now. (more can be seen here www.barcjaipur.org). The same team which has been working as Budget Analysis Rajasthan Centre, a unit of Astha Udaipur, has the responsibilities of taking forward the newly registered BARC trust.

Main Objectives of BARC Trust:

1. To initiate, implement activities of research, analysis, public education, capacity building and any other related activity, so as to strengthen transparency and accountability of governance and to support poor and marginalized sections of society in India and elsewhere in improving their situation.
2. To work towards eradicating poverty, promoting rights, justice and the betterment of women, children, rural poor, slum dwellers, dalits, adivasis, unorganized workers, the elderly and other marginalized groups. This would include facilitating / helping the people to increase / promote their access to the government and non-government development schemes and programmes.
3. To work with the poor to improve their nutrition, housing, employment, health conditions.
4. To make the Public Budget and its processes, and economic and other policies comprehensible to citizens; to work for accountability and transparency in public policy, particularly of policies affecting the poor and marginalized; to empower and increase the awareness of citizens to the need to participate in policy making at different levels of governance
5. To develop an educational institute which runs courses / workshops to make budgets and social policy more understandable to the citizens who participate.

6. To undertake training and capacity building, by itself or in collaboration with others, organizations or individuals, so as to improve the skills and knowledge of those working on common issues affecting the poor and marginalized communities.
7. To put together a library of soft and hard copies of documents and information relating to the above areas of work.
8. To educate citizens, disseminate information and knowledge related to Budgets, Public Policies and Governance, as well as Development related matters. This work would be done through newspapers, periodicals, newsletters, manuals, case studies, research papers, websites or other forms of publication as is necessary; through all forms of media; alone or in collaboration with other Centres or organizations.
9. To make submissions to statutory and non-statutory bodies, local, state, national and/or international
10. To coordinate and collaborate with organizations or individuals, in India and/or internationally, in whatever way needed, and to create networks and / or partnerships. These networks and partnerships would be focused on ameliorating deteriorating conditions affecting the poor and marginalized.
11. To undertake and provide consultancies to any person, institution, government and non-governmental organizations in the broad area of work.
12. To raise resources from the public, government and non-governmental organizations, institutions to sustain its activity, mission and vision.
13. To develop Resource Centres, and Documentation Centres that would promote public education and accountability in the area of governance and public policy and related activities.
14. All the Income, earnings, moveable-immovable properties of the Trust shall be solely utilized and applied towards the promotion of its aims and objects only as set forth in the Trust Deed and no profit on thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present or past Trustees of the Trust or to any person claiming through anyone or more of the present or the past Trustees. No Trustee of the Trust shall have any personal claim on any

moveable or immovable properties of the Trust or make any profits, whatsoever, by virtue of this trusteeship.

Activities and Programmes in 2015-16

Registration and Legal Formalities

The BARC Trusts got registered after a lot of deliberations and informal consultations with various people and organizations working in the social sector. Various NGOs and people's organisations have been in constant contact with BARC team during all this year while we have been working as a unit of Astha and have provided support and given their suggestions as well as have used our research and analysis in their own work.

Having BARC as an independent organization was an objective since beginning of the BARC unit of Astha and it was felt that time has come to have BARC as a separate entity. So this year the BARC Trust was registered as a Trust having following members as the founder trustees:

Dr. Ginny Shrivastava

Dr. PradeepBhargava

Dr. SubrataDutta

Noor Mohammad

Satish Kumar

After the registration the first meeting of the trustees was organized April 25, 2015. In the meeting of Trustees the officials of BARC Trust were selected and a Director was appointed to carry out day to activities. Also Smt. Sharda Jain was included as a new Trustee.

Opening of Bank Account

As per the resolution of the Trustees, a Bank Account of the BARC Trust has been opened with the Oversease Branch (C-Scheme, Jaipur) of the Union Bank of India.

Getting the Permanent Account Number

In order to complete the legal formalities BARC Trust applied and got a permanent account number from the Income Tax Dept. of Government of India.

Appointment of a Chartered Accountant

BARC Trust has also appointed J K Jaiman and Associates, a registered Chartered Accountant, as BARC's authorized chartered accountant to audit its accounts.

Programmes in 2015-16

Panchayat Budget and Planning

BARC has been invited by the Department of Panchayati Raj to be a member of the State Level Resource Group for panchayat planning in the state.

Also the Department has invited and BARC Trust and other two civil society organisations in the resource group to help select panchayats prepare model annual plans.

BARC Trust has selected two panchayats from Alwar district to work with them and assist them in preparing their model annual plans.

Budget Analysis and Advocacy

The BARC team responded to the State Budget 2016-17 and came out with budget notes on various issues which has been shared with MLAs who have used our data in discussion in the Vidhan Sabha. Newspapers also carried article based on BARC's analysis of the state budget 2016-17.

Conclusion

BARC team has continued to work on budget analysis and panchayat budget and planning in this year and we hope to continue to work harder in coming years to achieve BARC's objectives.