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Every country needs a vision statement, which stirs the imagination and motivates all segments of society to greater effort. It is an essential step in building a political consensus on a broad national development strategy, which encompasses, inter-alia, the role and responsibility of different agents in the economy, such as Central, State and local government, the private corporate sector, the small and tiny sector, people’s organizations etc. It must identify the potential risks and bottlenecks in a focused manner. It is clear, therefore, that to meet these objectives, a vision statement has to operate several levels of generality and specificity.

In order to address these issues, among others, the Planning Commission constituted a Committee on “India: Vision 2020” in June 2000 under the chairmanship of Dr S P Gupta, Member, Planning Commission.

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The report and the background papers (as submitted by the individual authors) can be directly accessed below:

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON “INDIA: VISION 2020”

II. List of Background Papers for Vision – 2020
1. **Telecom Sector in India : Vision 2020**  
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2. **Vision 2020 – The Profile of the Empowered Woman**  
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4. **Towards a Knowledge Society – Final Draft for the Vision 2020 Committee**  
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7. **Vision 2020 : Transport**  
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15. **Social Defence : Vision 2020**
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16. **Vision of Peace in 2020**
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18. Agriculture Policy : Vision 2020  
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