



## State Business Relations in West Bengal

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### **Background**

While growth has accelerated in India since the 1980s, the outcomes with respect to growth and poverty reduction has differed widely across Indian states. The differential paths of Indian states with respect to poverty reduction and economic growth since the reforms of the 1980s and 1990s seem to be related to some degree with the nature of state-business relations, by which is meant a set of highly institutionalised, responsive and public interactions between the state and the business sector.

In 2008-2009, the IPPG consortium and CUTS undertook a series of research projects to understand the nature of formal and informal interactions between the state and business across states in India, and how these have evolved over time; and to examine the effects of different types of state business relations on economic performance across Indian states in the post 1980 period. The workshop will report on the findings of the research and what these findings imply for policy.

### **Objectives**

- To understand what constitutes effective state business relations in the West Bengal context;
- To understand why and how effective state business relations affect economic growth.