**REGION**

Definition of region is limited by the purpose Ø A large tract of land; a country; a more or less defined portion of earth’s surface, as distinguished by certain natural features, climatic conditions, a special fauna and flora or the like Ø An area, space, or place of more or less definite extent or character. Ø Any portion of space considered as possessing certain characteristics-Mill Ø An area of earth’s surface differentiated (from adjoining areas) by one or more features or characteristics which give it a measure of unity, According to the criteria employed in differentiating regions are termed as physiographic regions, political regions and economic regions. Ø An area homogenous with respect to certain announced criteria-James Ø Any portion of earth’s surface where physical conditions are homogeneous can be considered to be a region in the geographic sense-Joerg Ø A region is a complex of land, water, air, plant, animal and human beings, having spatial relationship, which constitute a definite portion of earth’s surface-Herbertsor Ø An area with in which historical and environmental factors have combined to create relatively homogeneous social structure and a conciseness of individually.

Identification of regions Special Regions (each one being unique) Generic Regions (containing a number of similarities) Synthetic Regions (made up of a number of contrasting though related parts)

Homogenous Regions- based on the similarity of one or two or combination of phenomena, alike in all its parts; emphasis similarity-formal regions Nodal Regions-based on the centrality-emphasis interdependence-functional regions Programming/ Planning Regions-based on administrative convenience-emphasis uniformity and convenience, Planning and Programming Regions