

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1269**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023

**COUNTRY'S STATUS AS PER WIR 2022**

1269 SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is a 'poor and unequal country, with affluent elite', if so, Government's view thereon;
- (b) whether top 1 per cent people are holding 40 per cent and top 10 per cent are holding 57 per cent of the total national income while the bottom 50 per cent holds just 13 per cent of national wealth, as per the World Inequality Report (WIR) 2022, if so, the view thereon;
- (c) whether as per Forbes 2022 list, wealth of 100 richest grew by US\$25 billion to touch US\$800 billion and they are holding large percentage of wealth; and
- (d) details of corrective action proposed to bridge the gap between Bharat and India?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

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(a) to (d): The findings of the World Inequality Report (WIR), 2022 have not been accepted by the Government of India since they are based on questionable methodology. Therefore, statement based on the aforementioned report cannot be commented upon.

India's GDP per capita has risen from Rs. 89,796 in 2013 -14 to Rs. 1,72,913 in 2021 - 22, according to RBI. The government has taken actions to promote financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, job creation, as well as to enhance access to education and healthcare, in order to reduce poverty and inequality and to realise the objective of " Viksit Bharat."

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