

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1598
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024

ELIMINATING INEQUALITIES

1598. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) report, Government's performance in eliminating income and other inequalities is not satisfactory;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the country's inequality elimination score was 71 in the year 2018, which has now decreased to 65 in the year 2023-24;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to eliminate inequality by identifying the factors creating hurdles in eliminating inequality?

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 CULTURE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): As per the SDG India Index Report 2023-24, released by NITI Aayog, India's SDG score for Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities) is 65 which is in the front-runner (65-99) category. The difference in the score since 2018 is mainly due to revision in the indicator set on account of uniformity/availability of data. In 2023-24, all six indicators in Goal 10 have been changed with respect to the SDG India Index Baseline Report, 2018.

(d): Key interventions by the Government to reduce inequalities include Aspirational Districts & Blocks Programme, Vibrant Village Programme, Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Scheme, Umbrella Programme for Development of Minorities, Umbrella Programme for Development of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe and other vulnerable groups, Scheme for Development of Other Backward Classes and Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes, PM Development Initiative for North East Region, Scheme for development of Economically Backward Classes (EBCs), Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) etc.
