

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1575
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024

NITI AAYOG'S SDG INDIA INDEX 2023-24 & BIHAR

1575 SHRI SANJAY YADAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2023-24, which evaluates progress of States on social and economic parameters, Bihar is the worst performing State in overall SDG score;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Bihar's performance in SDG 2, (including indicators such as stunted and underweight children and anaemic pregnant women) is extremely poor in comparison to other States and UT's; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the aforesaid situation and the details thereof?

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) As per the SDG India Index 2023-24 Report released by NITI Aayog, Bihar's SDG score is 57. The score has steadily improved from 48 in 2018 to 50 in 2019-20, 52 in 2020-21, and 57 in 2023-24. The details of performance of the States/UTs in various SDGs are in public domain and can be accessed at [https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-07/SDG India Index 2023-24.pdf](https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-07/SDG_India_Index_2023-24.pdf)
- (c) SDG India Index Report released by NITI Aayog monitors the progress and challenges of SDGs across States/UTs. The report evaluates the performance of all States and UTs, benchmarking them based on their overall achievements across various goals. The challenges are unique to each State/UT and are addressed by the respective governments.
