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RAJYA SABHA
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INDICATORS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the proposed indices and rankings will include specific indicators related to social justice, inclusion, and empowerment of marginalized communities in India;
- (b) whether the Ministry has any plan to contribute data and insights to ensure these social indicators are robust and representative, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the anticipated impact of such indices on policy formulation and resource allocation aimed at improving the conditions of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and other vulnerable groups, details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) to (c) The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) India Index provided by NITI Aayog includes indicators related to social justice, inclusion, and empowerment of marginalized communities reflecting a commitment to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the national level.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is entrusted with the development of indicator framework for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to facilitate monitoring of SDGs at national level. This framework is dynamic in nature and is reviewed and refined every year and this Ministry regularly participates in this exercise.

The SDG India Index is designed to track state-level progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), providing a framework for evidence-based policy and resource allocation. Its anticipated impact is to guide targeted interventions and resource distribution, especially for vulnerable groups like Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and others.
