

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MID-TERM REVIEW OF NITI AAYOG'S SDG TARGETS

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mid-term reviews are being done for SDG targets;
- (b) State-wise performance under SDGs;
- (c) focus areas for lagging districts;
- (d) coordination with state planning boards; and
- (e) role of think tanks in policymaking?

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

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- (a), (b) & (c) NITI Aayog reviews the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets in the national context through the SDG India Index. The first edition of the Index was released in 2018, followed by three subsequent editions. The latest edition was released in 2023–24. The index reviews the performance of States/Union Territories (UTs) across the SDG goals. The State and Union Territory-wise performance is available in the public domain and can be accessed at: https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-07/SDG_India_Index_2023-24.pdf

(d) & (e) NITI Aayog, which is the apex think tank of the Government of India, coordinates and provides support to States/ UTs in developing the sub-national level monitoring frameworks, which helps them to track the SDGs. The key initiatives include aligning SDG targets with relevant schemes, developing State/UT specific SDG vision documents, expanding the indicator framework to district and block levels, setting up of SDG Coordination and Acceleration Centres (SDGCACs) to promote localisation and integrating the States/UTs budgets with the SDGs.
