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GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE RANKING OF INDIA

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Will the Minister of state in MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) The manner in which international perceptions shaped by global indices and rankings impact India's diplomatic relations and foreign investment;
- (b) The efforts underway to engage with global data organizations to promote unbiased and evidence-based evaluation of countries; and
- (c) The initiatives being taken to counter misinformation or biased narratives against India in global development and governance rankings?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (c) Global indices and rankings are prepared by external organisations based on their respective methodologies and data sources. While they may be one of several reference points for international stakeholders, diplomatic engagements and foreign investment flows are guided by multiple factors, including macroeconomic fundamentals, market size, growth prospects, policy initiatives and institutional frameworks.

Government of India engages with multilateral institutions and organisations through established consultative and technical mechanisms to facilitate accurate understanding of India's data, reforms, and institutional arrangements to ensure that rankings are based on objective, up-to-date and contextually relevant data.

India is committed to countering misinformation and biased narratives by strengthening its data systems, promoting independent research, and engaging constructively with international index compilers to ensure fair, evidence-based assessments of its governance and development progress. At the same time, whenever necessary, Government has not hesitated in calling out prejudiced and motivated narratives.
