

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 942
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

**NITI AAYOG COLLABORATION WITH MAHARASHTRA FOR ECONOMIC
TRANSFORMATION**

942. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NITI Aayog is collaborating with Maharashtra for accelerating economic growth, innovation and regional development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including initiatives undertaken with Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA);
- (c) the key outcomes achieved through such collaborations; and
- (d) the future roadmap proposed for strengthening Centre-State cooperation in development planning and monitoring?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS
& 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) to (d): NITI Aayog collaborates with the States/UTs through the State Support Mission (SSM), which provides support to the States/UTs for establishing State Institutions for Transformation (SITs) or strengthening existing State Planning Departments/Boards as multidisciplinary resource centres that can steer the development strategies in the States/UTs. Under this Mission, Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA) has been notified as the State Institution for Transformation (SIT) for Maharashtra. A financial assistance of ₹ 3.815 crore has been released under the Scheme during the period FY 2024-25 to FY 2026-27 (Till September, 2026). This financial assistance has been provided for organizing workshops, including Capacity Programme for State and District Officials, undertaking various sector-specific research studies, and also strengthening the Monitoring and Evaluation system, among others.

Further, under the Growth Hubs Initiative, Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) was selected as one of the four pilot city-regions for preparation of an Economic Plan. The Economic Plan for MMR was launched on 12 September 2024. In August 2025, NITI Aayog entered into a tripartite Statement of Intent with the Government of Maharashtra and Pune International Centre (PIC) for preparation of the Economic Plan for the Pune Economic Region, which is under progress.

The collaboration of NITI Aayog with Government of Maharashtra is a continuous and dynamic process to facilitate the State in its development planning and monitoring.
