

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018

INDIA AS INNOVATION NATION

2015. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Ministry of Planning be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NITI Aayog is working on a mission to reinvent India as Innovation Nation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the current development, as regards the above said mission of NITI Aayog, is satisfactory and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether poor and women are at the centre of NITI Aayog's mission to reinvent India as Innovation Nation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): The Atal Innovation Mission at NITI Aayog has been given a mandate to nurture creativity and innovation-driven entrepreneurship in India, and does not have any mandate to reinvent India. AIM is engaged with promotion of culture for innovation and societal adoption of innovation.

(b) &(c): AIM has mainly started two major initiatives: (i) Atal Tinkering Labs under which till now 2441 schools have been selected for establishment of ATLs in India. This covers 93% Districts of country representing all States and Five out of Seven UTs. (ii) Support for the setting up of Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) and scaling up of Established Incubation Centres (EICs). So far 19 AICs and EICs have been selected across Fifteen states.

(d)& (e): The Atal Innovation Mission at NITI Aayog has been given a mandate to nurture creativity and innovation-driven entrepreneurship in India across all sections of society without any gender discrimination. All the ATLs are expected to support all students without any bias and all the Incubation Centres are expected to support women entrepreneurs for mentoring and help them in setting up and scaling up their businesses. Apart from this, one of the AICs that has been set up at Banasthali Vidyapeeth is a woman only University and the AIC-Banasthali focuses only on mentoring and supporting women entrepreneurs while another EIC (NSRCEL, IIM Bangalore) runs a special program for women entrepreneurship.
