

**Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Economic Affairs**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3969  
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018**

**International Monetary Fund**

**3969. DR. K. GOPAL:**

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the International Monetary Fund has suggested three steps to India in order to sustain high growth rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government took a note of these suggestions and is considering to implement them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN)**

(a) to (d): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) regularly issues economic policy recommendations through various reports including World Economic Outlook and annual assessment of member economies carried out under Article IV of its Articles of Agreement. To sustain and further increase the growth of the Indian economy, the IMF has, *inter-alia*, suggested continued fiscal consolidation to further strengthen fiscal policy credibility, a broader package of financial reforms to improve the governance of Public Sector Banks and further enhancement of the banks' debt recovery mechanisms, and structural reforms to ease labour market rigidities, reduce infrastructure bottlenecks, and improve educational outcomes. The Government takes note of the economic policy recommendations and suggestions from various quarters including IMF and takes policy steps as it deems appropriate.

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