GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.151 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

*151: SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA: SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);
- (b) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under these Goals during the last three years and the current year across the country, State-wise including the Gujarat, West Bengal and Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made thereunder so far;
- (d) whether the achievements are upto the set targets, if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government has joined or proposes to join SDG Media Compact initiative with other organizations from across the world; and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING {COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) of the LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *151 FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.2018 REGARDING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

(a) to (d) The resolution, "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", establishing 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 related targets, was adopted by 193 countries including India in the UN General Assembly in September 2015. The 17 SDGs and 169 related targets cover social, economic and environmental dimensions of development and are to be achieved by 2030. The SDGs in India came into effect on 1st January 2016.

India's national development goals are mirrored in the SDGs as such India has been effectively committed to achieving the SDGs even before they were fully crystallized. NITI Aayog has carried out a detailed mapping of the 17 Goals and 169 related targets to Nodal Central Ministries, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and major government initiatives. State Governments have carried out a similar mapping of the SDGs and targets to the departments and programmes in their respective States.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) is entrusted with: (i) developing National Indicator Framework in consultation with concerned Central Ministries/ Departments to monitor the progress of SDGs: (ii) establish coordination mechanism among line Ministries/Departments and other data source agencies relating to National as well as Global SDG indicators; (iii) to act as a SDG Focal Point of the Country for coordination of data related activities SDGs global monitoring; (iv) assisting States & UTs in establishment of monitoring framework at State level; and (v) capacity development of various statistical institutions at Union and State level. Statistical indicators of National Indicator Framework would form the backbone for monitoring the SDGs at the national and state level and will scientifically measure the outcomes of the policies to achieve the targets under different SDGs.

(e) The SDG Media Compact is an initiative of United Nations (UN) and the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has accepted the invitation of United Nations received through Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), Malaysia as it provides a mechanism for media

organizations to work together with the UN to scale up the activities related to advancing awareness on the SDGs. Content partnerships, increased editorial consideration, corporate initiatives and increased efforts to source and share high-value media content relating to the Goals are some of the areas on which Member Nations under SDG Media Compact of UN shall act.
