GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1597 TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2018

MONITORING OF SDGs

1597. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI: SHRI PREM DAS RAI: SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government has approved the National Indicator Framework (NIF) for monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- (b)if so, the measures taken by the Government in tracking and reporting data on progress towards SDGs;
- (c)whether the Government aims to expedite collection of data on outcome achieved with regard to implementation of SDGs and if so, the details thereof;
- (d)whether India is lagging behind to meet targets under the SDGs;
- (e)if so, the details of India's progress in meeting the various targets set under the SDGs and whether any Committee has been set up to study the compliance with the SDGs or with specific goals; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to achieve all the SDGs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS [SHRI VIJAY GOEL]

(a) and (b) : The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has developed a National Indicator Framework (NIF) in consultation with various Ministries/Departments. The Government has also approved constitution of a High Level Steering Committee (HLSC) under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) with members from NITI Aayog, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Ministry of Finance to periodically review and refine the National Indicator Framework. These Indicators will help in monitoring and tracking the progress of SDGs at national level based on the data provided by various Ministries/ Departments implementing the SDGs concerned.

(c): The Government is expediting collection of data on outcome achieved through the National Indicator Framework in consultation with Ministries for monitoring implementation of SDGs.

(d) and (e): The assessment of India's performance in achievement of SDGs is a continuous process based on the National Indicator Framework developed by MoSPI and further assessment by Ministries and NITI Aayog. The Baseline Report of NIF with base year 2015-16 will use the data collected from Ministries and help in setting a benchmark for measuring SDGs with associated targets up to 2030. Various schemes and programmes of the Ministries/Departments are also mapped and aligned by NITI Aayog for achievement of SDGs and monitoring the same. NITI Aayog has also constituted a Task Force consisting of representative from NITI Aayog, Central Ministries, State Governments and Think Tanks.

(f): NITI Aayog has been assigned the role of overseeing the implementation of SDGs. It has carried out a detailed mapping of the 17 Goals and 169 associated targets on central Ministries, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and other Government initiatives to facilitate better awareness, common understanding and faster implementation of the programmes/ schemes/ initiatives with a focus on the SDGs. NITI Aayog is also regularly interacting with the States/ UTs for strengthening the SDG implementation mechanisms.

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