

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1701**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

**GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX**

1701. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:  
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's position in the Global Innovation Index has improved over the years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the discernible changes that can be observed on the ground particularly in terms of the availability and affordability of innovative solutions?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS  
AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT  
CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. India's ranking in the Global Innovation Index has improved over the years.
- (b) India has continuously improved its rank in the Global Innovation Index – from 81 in 2015 to 40 in 2023 – as illustrated below:

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
81	66	60	57	52	48	46	40	40

Discernible changes, because of the above illustrated improvement in India's ranking in the Global Innovation Index, have been observed on the ground in terms of the availability and the affordability of innovative solutions. They include India's recent strides in the following sectors:

- (i) Space sector.
- (ii) Renewable Energy sector.
- (iii) Defence sector, especially the indigenous development and production of defence equipment of various types.
- (iv) Biotechnology sector, especially the indigenous development and production of vaccines and oxygen concentrators to combat the Covid 19 pandemic.
- (v) Online learning tools for affordable education.

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