GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2980 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020

MDG GOALS

2980. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) since certain reports point out that majority of these have not been achieved by India and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if so, whether the Government has sought a new time-frame from the UN for implementation of the MDGs with a renewed global partnership for it?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) At the UN Summit on Sustainable Development held on 25 September 2015 in New York, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 'Transforming the World' was adopted. The 2030 Agenda has 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets with poverty eradication as its overarching focus. The 17 SDGs replaced the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and are applicable till 2030.

The 2030 Agenda and its actionable core of 17 SDGs resemble India's own vision of development. Government of India's initiatives such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swachh Bharat, Jan Dhan Yojana, Digital India, Skill India etc., closely relate to several targets under the SDGs.
