

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1422
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021

PANAGARIA TASK FORCE ON POVERTY ELIMINATION

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Panagaria Task Force on poverty elimination has submitted its Report;
- (b) if so, the recommendations made by the Task Force and the time by when the report was submitted;
- (c) whether any consultations have been held on the recommendations by the Government with States and other stakeholders;
- (d) if so, the outcome of the same; and
- (e) the time by when the recommendations of the Task Force are going to be implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF
STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) The report of the Task Force primarily focuses on issues of measurement of poverty and strategies to combat poverty. The major recommendations of the Task Force are given below:
 - (i) For estimation of poverty an expert committee may be set up to arrive at an informed decision on the level at which the poverty line should be set.
 - (ii) The strategy for combating poverty must rest on two legs: sustained rapid growth that is also employment intensive and making anti-poverty programs more effective.
 - (iii) Steps towards making anti-poverty programmes such as the 'Public Distribution System' (PDS), 'Mid Day Meal Scheme', MGNREGA and 'Housing for All' are more effective to eliminate abject poverty.
- (c)&(d) During the preparation of the Task Force report detailed consultation were held with Ministries, States/UTs and subject experts. After incorporating the major suggestions/inputs on the report received from different stakeholders a final draft of the report was submitted by Task Force on 11th July, 2016. No further consultations were done by NITI Aayog on the Report.
- (e) A decision is yet to be taken on constituting an Expert Committee to recommend the level at which the poverty line should be set.
