

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1229**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022

**STUDIES ON POLICIES**

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is conducting studies on the policies concerning the challenges in India like poverty, rural development and building basic infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the schemes formulated by the Government to eradicate poverty from the country at present?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & 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)&(b): NITI Aayog, as a dedicated Think Tank of the Government, gets the research studies conducted on areas deemed necessary for achievement of the country's developmental objectives. The Research Scheme of NITI Aayog (RSNA) aims at supporting various research studies as per the objectives of the NITI Aayog. Research studies have been conducted/ are being conducted on a wide range of themes such as agriculture, health, education, food security, district development planning, water, irrigation, panchayati raj, energy, transport, social development etc. Some of the studies directly or indirectly relates to poverty, rural development and building infrastructure. Similarly, other Departments/Ministries of the Government of India also undertake research studies from time to time.

(c) Government has initiated several targeted schemes that aim to improve the quality of life of people aimed at poverty alleviation in the country. Schemes are both Central sector and Centrally Sponsored where some aim to directly benefit the citizens through Direct Benefit transfer of resources/ money while other intend to create enabling infrastructural provisions. Presently, some of the major schemes being implemented in this regard include, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Solar Charkha Mission, National Nutrition Mission (NNM), Poshan Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM), Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan Yojana, SBM-Rural, Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM AJAY), Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme, Jal Jeevan Mission, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana, Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood & Enterprise (SMILE), Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances and Education Scheme for Madrasas and Minorities. In addition Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is implementing PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme to facilitate micro-credit to street vendors, vending in urban areas so that they can restart their business which were adversely impacted during the Covid-19 pandemic. The scheme was launched on June 1, 2020 and loaning started on July 2, 2020. Under this scheme, street vendors may avail a working capital loan of up to ₹ 10,000, followed by loans of ₹ 20,000 and ₹ 50,000 in the second and third tranches respectively, on timely repayment. Loan amount are directly released to the beneficiaries by the Lending Institutions. As on 01.02.2022, 29.08 lakh loans amounting to ₹ 2,963.64 Cr have been disbursed under the scheme. Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) a relief package is provided for the poor people to help them during the pandemic.

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