

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2715**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

**SDG GOAL 10**

2715 DR. D RAVI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific actions being taken by the Government to improve the performance of the States and UTs that are currently in the Aspirants category for SDG Goal 10;
- (b) the details of breakdown national level indicators used to measure India's progress towards Reduced Inequalities and the manner in which these indicators were selected;
- (c) the manner in which the Government is planning to ensure the accuracy and consistency of the data collected at the sub-national level for assessing progress on SDG Goal 10;
- (d) the detailed initiatives put in place to support the States and UTs that are performing below the Front Runners category; and
- (e) the details of the specific contributions of the top-performing States and UTs, like Goa and Puducherry, towards achieving the Goal of Reduced Inequalities and the manner in which their best practices can be replicated?

**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 CULTURE

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- (a) & (d) Key interventions by the Government to reduce inequalities include Aspirational Districts & Blocks Programme, Vibrant Village Programme, Prad/han Mantri Vishwakarma Scheme, Umbrella Programme for Development of Minorities, Umbrella Programme for Development of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe and other vulnerable groups, Scheme for Development of Other Backward Classes and Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes, PM Development Initiative for North East Region, Scheme for development of Economically Backward Classes (EBCs), Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) etc.

- (b) The details are in public domain and can be accessed at [https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-07/SDG\\_India\\_Index\\_2023-24.pdf](https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-07/SDG_India_Index_2023-24.pdf)
- (c) As mentioned in the SDG India Index Report 2023-24, indicators are selected based on their relevance to the SDG global targets, alignment with the National Indicator Framework (NIF), data availability at the national level for States/UTs from official statistical systems, data ownership, either administrative or survey, by line ministries and sufficient data coverage.
- (e) Goal-wise performance of States/UTs is also available in the Report under State Profile section.

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