GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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India's Rank in Sustainable Development Report, 2022

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's rank in the Global Sustainable Development Report, 2022 has slipped for the third consecutive year, ranking 121 out of 163 countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether SDGs are not mentioned in the last Union budget documents of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether, as per the report, India continues to face challenges in achieving 11 of the 17 SDGs, and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to meet the global goals on sustainable development in the next eight years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) and (b) The Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR), released by the United Nations, does not give country-wise ranking. The Sustainable Development Report published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), a non-profit organisation based in the USA, provides global annual ranking of countries on SDGs. As per the SDSN Report 2022, India ranked 121 out of 163 countries, with a score of 60.3. In 2024, India's rank has improved to 109 out of 167 countries, with a country score of 64.
- (c) and (d) Allocations in the budget are made for specific schemes under the Central sector schemes/Centrally sponsored schemes implemented by respective Ministries. These schemes have an impact on the outcomes embodied in the SDGs.
- (e) As per the SDSN Report, India has made significant progress. However, there are still areas that require special attention despite moderate improvements. The details of Goal-wise key Programmes/Initiatives of Government are mentioned in the latest SDG India Index Report, 2023-24 published by NITI Aayog. The report may be seen at https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-07/SDG_India_Index_2023-24.pdf. These programmes and schemes not only have significant impact on the progress of SDGs, but also generate spillover effects across various interconnected goals.