

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2533
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024

MEETINGS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

†2533. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the objective of National Development Council (NDC);
- (b) the total number of meetings of NDC held as well as the progress made in implementing the decisions taken thereon, so far;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to maintain the relevance of NDC after the constitution of Niti Aayog; and
- (d) the reasons for which no independent monitoring mechanism has been put in place to ensure that the objectives of the NDC are met?

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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): The National Development Council (NDC) was set up in 1952 under the aegis of the erstwhile Planning Commission, to prescribe guidelines for the formulation of the National Plan, including the assessment of resources for the Plan; to consider the National Plan as formulated by the Planning Commission; to consider important questions of social and economic policy affecting national development; and to review the working of the Plan from time to time and recommend such measures as are necessary for achieving the aims and targets set out in the National Plan. NDC was presided over by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and comprised of Union Ministers, Chief Ministers of all the States and Administrators of Union Territories and Members of the erstwhile Planning Commission.

NITI Aayog was formed via a resolution of the Union Cabinet on 1st January 2015 replacing the erstwhile Planning Commission as the premier policy think tank of the Government of India, to provide relevant strategic, directional policy inputs, and technical advice to the Centre, States, and Union Territories and bringing States together towards fulfilment of the

national development agenda. NITI Aayog has its own Governing Council, which was set up on 16th February 2015 via a notification issued by the Cabinet Secretariat and was reconstituted on 19th February 2021. The Governing Council, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, includes Chief Ministers of all the States and Union Territories with legislature, Lt Governors of other Union Territories, Vice Chairman and Members of NITI Aayog, and Special Invitees. The Governing Council has been tasked with evolving a shared vision of national priorities and shaping the national development narrative.

Till now, 9 meetings of the Governing Council have been held under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the last meeting was held on 27th July, 2024. Adequate monitoring mechanisms are in place to ensure that the objectives of the Governing Council are duly met.
