

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 949
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2016**

PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPING SOCIAL SECTOR

949. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to State:

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog proposes to launch a programme involving citizen of India for the key challenges facing the country and to develop social sector by innovating ideas and solutions, and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Atal Grand Challenge (AGC) Awards, under the Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog, has the objective of developing novel disruptive technologies / solutions that are ultra-low cost, low maintenance, durable and customised to the local conditions of India. AGC will award grand prizes to successful innovators who deliver in a timely manner the desired innovative solution for identified key challenges as per the challenge specific criteria.
