

Computation of GCI for the year 2012-13 is based on 113 indicators. As the indicators vary from year to year a comparison from previous years is not feasible. However, India's performance with a GCI score of 4.32 (on a scale of 1-7) in the year 2012-13 is an improvement over last year score of 4.30. This country has also improved its performance in respect of each individual component of the index.

In the meanwhile, the Ministry has constituted a Committee for Reforming the Regulatory Environment for Doing Business in India under the chairmanship of Shri M. Damodaran with the objective of making an in-depth study into the entire gamut of regulatory framework and come out with a detailed road-map for improving the business climate in the country that would help improve India's competitiveness.

#### **Concurrent evaluation of rural schemes**

\*237. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes concurrent evaluation of rural schemes in view of large scale corruption and mismanagement therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has sent a proposal in this regard to the Concurrent Evaluation Office (CEO);
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether comments have been received from CEO in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) if not, the time-frame by when they are likely to be received; and
- (h) by when concurrent/real time evaluation of rural schemes would be started?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) :  
(a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development has finalised a proposal regarding setting up of a mechanism for Concurrent Evaluation based on management of a Concurrent Evaluation Network (CENET) to facilitate systematic rapid and rigorous concurrent evaluation of all the programmes of the Ministry.

(e) to (h) The proposal has been accepted and the management and financing details are being worked out in consultation with Finance Ministry and Planning Commission.