

**Entrepreneurship Development Programmes**

718. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has recognised the need to facilitate entrepreneurship and encourage young entrepreneurs to invest in the country;
- (b) whether the Commission has already adopted or recommended any plan to improve the entrepreneurial environment in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Planning Commission Working Group report on MSME Growth for the Twelfth five year plan has made various recommendations on promoting entrepreneurship like up-scaling the training capacity of the existing institutes, setting up of new Entrepreneurship Development Institutes in backward areas and districts, spreading the training activity through out the country including backward areas and districts and conducting need-based training programme in consultation with stakeholders.

Further MSME ministry conducts Entrepreneurship Development Programmes, Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes through three national level training institutes and MSME Development Institutes. Industrial motivation Campaigns are also conducted by the ministry. Further, the Rajiv Gandhi Udyami Mitra Yojana is implemented by the ministry for providing hand holding support to first generation entrepreneurs etc.

- (d) Not applicable.

**Steps for holistic development of villages**

†719. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to prepare any scheme to provide potable water, elementary education, mid-day meal for holistic development of all villages in the country and to provide free of cost health security to all gram panchayats of the country;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Government is committed to promote inclusive growth in the country and the Eleventh Five Year Plan exclusively followed this strategy. In order to achieve the inclusive growth, a set of 27 monitorable targets were identified. For achieving these targets, the Government has been implementing a number of Flagship Programmes which include National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid-Day Meals in Schools (MDMS) Scheme and National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

In the Eleventh Plan, it was recognized that a decentralized system was essential for effective delivery of services. The State Governments have been impressed upon to encourage the active involvement of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in planning, implementing and supervising the delivery of essential public services.

The Approach Paper to the Twelfth Five Year Plan also emphasizes to promote faster growth with more inclusiveness.

#### **Increase in economic disparity**

†720. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the report issued by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development mentions that economic disparity in India has increased after global reform period;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the report also mentions the reasons which have encouraged economic disparity in India, if so, the details of the reasons as per the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The United Nations Conference on trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its Trade and Development Report, 2012 has brought

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