

(c) and (d) In accordance with the commitment of Government of India towards Sustainable Development Goals, NITI Aayog, along with European Union Delegation to India has prepared a 'Strategy on Resource Efficiency' which was released on November 30, 2017. The document covers a two part action plan with recommendations in thematic areas of promotion and regulation for achieving the goals of resource efficiency and sustainable development. Part 1 covers the short term action plan detailing the core action agenda to be implemented during 2017-18. Part 2 details the medium term action agenda which is to be implemented during 2018-20. The entire strategy document is available at NITI Aayog website viz. www.niti.gov.in.

Special category status to Madhya Pradesh

4434. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to grant Special Category Status (SCS) to Madhya Pradesh as it falls within the criteria for grant of SCS;

(b) whether any proposal for grant of SCS to that State is pending with the Central Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government has declared any special package for the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Special Category Status for plan assistance has been granted in the past by the National Development Council (NDC) to some States that are characterized by a number of features necessitating special consideration. These features include: (i) hilly and difficult terrain (ii) low population density and/or sizeable share of tribal population (iii) strategic location along borders with neighbouring countries (iv) economic and infrastructural backwardness and (v) non-viable nature of state finances. Special Category Status has been granted to certain States based on an integrated consideration of these criteria. There is no proposal with the Central Government for grant of Special Category Status to Madhya Pradesh.

(c) No special package has been announced by NITI Aayog for Madhya Pradesh during the last three years.

Development support to Andhra Pradesh

4435. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has prepared a report on Development support to Andhra Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh was consulted before preparing the report;
- (d) if so, the suggestions/views given by that State on its development; and
- (e) if not, in what manner NITI Aayog prepared a report without consulting the stakeholder State and without knowing the real problems of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (e) NITI Aayog had prepared a report on Development Support to the State of Andhra Pradesh on 01.12.2015. The Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh in his letter dated 25.08.2015 addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister mentioned about various issues of development of the State of Andhra Pradesh. As per the direction of Prime Minister's office, the Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog consulted the concerned Central Ministries including Department of Expenditure, Government of India on development support to Andhra Pradesh State. The major recommendations pertain to assistance for development of Rayalaseema and North Coastal Districts of Andhra Pradesh, Financial Assistance to the New Capital of Andhra Pradesh, Polavaram Irrigation Project and Institutions for progress and development of Andhra Pradesh (Schedule XIII of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014) relating to:

- I. Feasibility of a new Railway Zone in Andhra Pradesh;
- II. Developing a new Major Port at Duggirajupatnam in Andhra Pradesh;
- III. Establishment of various Institutions of National Importance in Andhra Pradesh like one Indian Institute of Technology, One National Institute of Technology, one Indian Institute of Management, one Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, one Central University, one Petroleum University, one Agriculture University, one Indian Institute of Information Technology alongwith one All India Institute of Medical Sciences-type Super-Speciality Hospital cum Teaching Institution and a Tribal University;
- IV. Feasibility of Metro Rail in Visakhapatnam and Guntur-Vijayawada-Tenali Metropolitan Urban Development Authority;
- V. Feasibility of Expanding the existing Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Tirupati Airports to International standards;
- VI. Feasibility of establishing a Greenfield Crude Oil Refinery and Petrochemical Complex in Andhra Pradesh;
- VII. Feasibility of establishing a Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor;

- VIII. Establishing a National Institute of Disaster Management in Andhra Pradesh;
 IX. Feasibility of establishing an Integrated Steel Plant in YSR District of Andhra Pradesh etc.

Prime Minister Scheme

†4436. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the names of Pradhan Mantri Yojana and other schemes declared by Government since 2014 till date and the details of updated achievements thereof, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): The Government has decided to formulate a long-term vision with a 15 years perspective up to 2030, a seven year strategy for achievement of the national development agenda (from 2017-18 to 2023- 24) and with a three year Action Agenda which was unveiled by the Finance Minister on 24th August, 2017.

In pursuant to the decision taken in the first meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog, held on February 8, 2015, three Sub-Groups of Chief Ministers and two Task Forces have been constituted. These Sub-Groups have submitted their reports pertaining to Rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Skill Development and Swachch Bharat Abhiyaan, which are under implementation. The recommendations of the two Task Forces on 'Agriculture Development' and 'Elimination of Poverty in India' have also finalized. All these schemes and initiatives are implemented through the concerned Ministries/Departments. Some of the newly launched schemes are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of some of the newly launched schemes

Sl.No.	Programme/Initiative	Objectives
1.	Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana	To achieve 100% financial inclusion
2.	Digital India	To achieve digitally empowered knowledge economy
3.	Make In India	To make India a global manufacturing hub
4.	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana	To achieve water efficiency
5.	Soil Health Card Scheme	To improve farm productivity

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.