

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government has issued advisory to the States on the basis of these suggestions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) Pursuant to the decision taken in the first meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 8th February, 2015, a Task Force on Elimination of Poverty in India was constituted by NITI Aayog on 16th March, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog. The report of the Task Force was submitted to Prime Minister's Office on 11th July, 2016. The report of the Task Force primarily focuses on issues of measurement of poverty and strategies to combat poverty. With respect to strategies to combat poverty, the Task Force has made recommendations on faster poverty reduction through employment intensive sustained rapid growth and effective implementation of anti-poverty programs. The report of the Task Force is still under consideration.

Global Entrepreneurship Summit at Hyderabad

1547. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Global Entrepreneurship Summit has taken place recently in Hyderabad, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the deliberations of the summit and the ideas exchanged by various stakeholders of the summit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NITI Aayog in collaboration with State Government of Telangana and the Government of United States of America co-hosted the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES)-2017 at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Hyderabad from 28th to 30th November, 2017. The Summit was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 28th November, 2017. Advisor to the President of United States of America, Ms. Ivanka Trump led the U.S. delegation to the summit. The theme of the summit was "Women First, Prosperity for All". More than 1500 entrepreneurs, investors and speakers from

150 countries across the world participated in the Summit, out of which, more than 50% were women. The Summit brought together entrepreneurs, investors, educators, government officials and startup ecosystem supporters on a single platform to share their ideas.

The Summit focused on four innovative high-growth industry sectors viz. Energy and Infrastructure, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Digital Economy and Financial Technology and Media and Entertainment. More than 50 parallel technical sessions/master classes were held during the Summit deliberating on various aspects of these four key industry sectors. Networking opportunities were also provided to the participants for one to one deliberations among entrepreneurs, investors and mentors for taking their ventures forward.

Schemes for upliftment of SC and OBC Women

1548. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of implementation of many welfare schemes meant for upliftment of women belonging to OBCs and SCs, the number of beneficiaries availing them is very poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would pursue this matter vigorously so that the schemes could reach more and more women belonging to OBCs and SCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) Various schemes are being implemented by the Corporations under the Ministry for upliftment of women belonging to OBC and SCs.

National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) provides loans for eligible women beneficiaries of Backward Classes through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs)/PSBs/RRBs under the following schemes :

(i) New Swamima

(ii) Mahila Samridhhi Yojana (Micro Finance Scheme for women)

The loans are being disbursed to persons belonging to Backward Classes having annual family income less than double the poverty line (*i.e.* ₹ 98,000/- in rural areas and ₹ 1,20,000/- in urban areas) for the purpose that the benefits are availed by more and more women. The Scheme-wise details are given as under:—