

Status of Gaganyaan project

†738. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Gaganyaan project previously carried out by Government;
- (b) whether it is a fact that India is taking help from Russia and France for this project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Gaganyaan project is approved by Government of India and is operating under a newly formed Centre, Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC). Gaganyaan Project team is identified and appropriate management system is in place. The design activities are progressing for the targeted manned flight in December 2021.

(b) Yes, Sir. In order to meet the stringent schedule, help is being sought from Russia and France for human centric systems, where ISRO would gain experience.

(c) The specific areas for collaboration have been identified wherein Russia and France could help in meeting the Gaganyaan schedule. Discussions are in advanced stage with Russia in the areas of environmental control and life support system and part of the crew selection and training. With France, discussions are proceeding with respect to training of Flight surgeons and long term activities on bioastronautics, combined development and experiments in space medicine area.

National Sample Survey Office

739. SHRI BHUBANESWARKALITA:
SHRIANAND SHARMA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has approved merger of Central Statistics Office (CSO) and National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) into a single body;
- (b) whether the Ministry is proposing to restructure the National Statistical System;

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(c) if so, the details of the proposed restructuring and justification for the merger of CSO and NSSO;

(d) whether Government has consulted all the stakeholders including National Statistical Commission regarding the proposal of restructuring and the merger and its impact on the autonomy of national statistical system; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remove their reservations, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (e) In pursuance to the decisions of the Union Cabinet on 19.05.2005, the Government, through its resolution dated 01.06.2005, decided to set up the National Statistical Commission. It also decided to merge the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) into a single entity called the National Statistical Organisation (NSO). The Government followed the due process of inter-ministerial consultation as an integral part of the decision making process.

Twenty Point Programme

740. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a Twenty Point Programme;

(b) if so, when this programme was last updated and the progress report last published;

(c) whether this programme has any priorities to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set by the United Nations;

(d) if so, the various programmes and policies adopted by Government towards achieving MDGs; and

(e) the details of progress made in achieving these goals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (e) Twenty Point Programme (TPP) was last restructured in 2006 and the latest progress report for the period April, 2017-March, 2018 was published in September, 2018. The details of the programmes and achievement made by the Government in the area of the Millennium Development Goals had been published in the publication "Millennium Development Goals-Final Country Report of India, 2017" which is available on the website of the Ministry. The MDGs were