

Supply of high-protein items through PDS

1714. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on supply of protein rich items like eggs, fish, chickens and meat through Public Distribution Systems (PDS) as a part of NITI Aayog Vision Document;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this will come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No Sir, NITI Aayog has not mooted any proposal for inclusion of animal proteins (eggs, fish, chicken and meat) under the Public Distribution System (PDS) nor have received any such proposal from the Department of Food and Public Distribution.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of (a).

Indicators used in Global Hunger Index

1715. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of indicators taken into account while arriving at the rank of Global Hunger Index (GHI);

(b) how India fared in each of the indicators and whether indicators are justified;

(c) what are the reasons that among BRICS nations, India is performing the worst and is even behind every South Asian country as far as GHI is concerned; and

(d) how Ministry looks at it and what remedial measures it is going to take to improve India's ranking next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The methodology cited in the Global Hunger Index, 2019, is based on the following four indicators: the percentage of population that is undernourished, percentage of children under five years old who suffer from wasting, percentage of children under five years old who suffer from stunting and child mortality.