GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2071 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022

COMMITTEE ON DEFINITION OF CRITERIA OF POVERTY

2071 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Committee/task force was constituted for making changes in the definition and criteria of poverty;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the date on which the said task force was constituted along with the date on which the task force submitted its report; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in considering the said report?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): 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 Terms of Reference for the Task Force inter alia included to "Develop a working definition of poverty". The Report of the Task Force is under consideration.
