

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 953
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

DECLINING RANKING IN GLOBAL INDEXES

953. Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that India's ranking declined on 10 out of the 18 Global Indexes which include important ones like Human Development Index (HDI), Global Hunger Index (GHI), Freedom of Religion Report(FRR), Corruption Perception Index (CPI) in the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that India's ranking on the three most important indexes, Global Gender Gap Report, Human Freedom Index, and World Press Freedom Index, has 'severely declined'; and
- (d) the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): As per the ranking given by the respective publishing agencies, India's ranking in Human Development Index (HDI) has moved from 130 among 189 countries in 2017 to 131 among 189 countries in 2019, Global Hunger Index(GHI) has moved from 100 among 119 countries in 2017 to 101 among 116 countries in 2021, Corruption Perception Index (CPI) has moved from 81 among 180 countries in 2017 to 85 among 180 countries in 2021. Similarly, India's ranking published in Global Gender Gap Report has shifted from 108 among 144 countries in 2017 to 135 among 146 countries in 2022, and World Press Freedom Index has moved from 138 among 180 countries in 2018 to 150 among 180 countries in 2022.

Many international agencies are publishing global indices based on different databases and methodologies, some of which are often questionable on many grounds. Many publishing agencies are using open source data or perception-based data which do not reflect India's position in true sense. The Government has been engaging with publishing agencies and has, in several cases, highlighted significant issues in data quality and methodologies to them.

The Freedom of Religion Report (FRR) and Human Freedom Index are not among the global indices monitored by Government of India through NITI Aayog.
