

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

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ACTION PLAN OF NITI AAYOG TO RE-ESTABLISH INDIA AS A NEW NATION

2551. Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) whether NITI Aayog had been working on any action plan to re-establish India as a new nation and whether there has any positive impact on Indian economy since 2017 till 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of initiatives taken by NITI Aayog in this regard and whether the outcome of those initiatives, so far, has been as per the expectations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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): In order to evolve a shared vision of national development priorities, sectors and strategies with the active involvement of States in the light of national objectives, Government of India has replaced Planning Commission with NITI Aayog with effect from January 1, 2015. As a dedicated think-tank of the Government, NITI Aayog is expected to carry out a directional role, strategically charting the future of the nation and strengthening cooperative federalism.

One of the main objectives of NITI Aayog is to design strategic and long-term policy and programme frameworks and initiatives and monitor their progress and efficacy. Accordingly, NITI Aayog has come out with Strategy for New India @75 document in 2018 with policy recommendations in 41 key areas with drivers of growth, infrastructure, inclusion and governance. The document includes specific actionable recommendations for increasing employment and labour reforms, industry, agriculture, housing, tourism, minerals, energy, digital connectivity, and all modes of transport infrastructure, among others. Following this document, a number of initiatives have been taken by the line Ministries and Departments and notable achievements have been made across various sectors of the economy.

Over the last seven years, NITI Aayog has provided specialised inputs – strategic, functional and technical to the Government (Centre as well as States), on matters critical to fulfilment of the national development agenda many of which have translated into policies/programmes.

Some of the major areas/policies/programmes driven/being driven by NITI Aayog include: (i) the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP); (ii) transforming the education sector with Project Sath-E ('Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital' (SATH)); (iii) reforms in higher education regulatory framework; (iv) reforms in health sector; (v) a paradigm shift from outlays to outcome based governance through Output-Outcome Monitoring Framework; (vi) launching a number of indices for ranking the States/UTs on parameters such as school education, health, composite water management, innovation, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), etc.; (vii) localizing SDGs; (viii) promoting innovation and entrepreneurship through the Atal Innovation Mission; (ix) promoting Artificial Intelligence; (x) anchoring the Production Linked Incentive Scheme; (xi) the National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage; (xii) holistic development of islands; (xiii) initiating measures to combat Covid-19; and so on.

These measures have had a positive impact on the economy. Further, it may be pertinent to mention that the achievement of stated objectives and devising of new strategies, in response to dynamic scenario, is a continuing process.
