

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2120  
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VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Planning Commission had brought out `Guidelines for Voluntary Organisations` few years back;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Planning Commission have recently discontinued bringing out this publication;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the alternative measures proposed by the Government to draw the attention of voluntary organisations/NGOs towards various centrally sponsored schemes aimed at poverty alleviation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PUBLIC GRIEVANCE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (e) : No, Sir. The Planning Commission had not brought out any `Guidelines for Voluntary Organisations`. However, the Planning Commission had prepared a Directory of Schemes for Voluntary Organisations during September 1995 giving information on various Central Sector Schemes for poverty alleviation and social development, in which NGOs/Voluntary Organisations can participate.