

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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OASIS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Old Age Social and Income Security (OASIS) project has been under consideration of the Government for long as reported in the daily newspaper, Statesman dated December 26, 2000;
- (b) if so, the precise details thereof ;
- (c) the reasons for delay in clearance; and
- (d) the time-frame worked out for the implementation thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment commissioned a project called OASIS (an acronym for Old Age Social and Income Security) and appointed an 8 Member Expert Committee, headed by Dr. S.A. Dave, former Chairman of UTI, to examine policy issues connected with old age income security in India and submit its recommendations to the Government. The Committee submitted its final report on 11.1.2000. The Government has set up a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine the proposal moved by this Ministry on the recommendations of OASIS Committee. This Group of Ministers is headed by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and serviced by the Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance.