

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:12
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2002
SETTING UP OF NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSIONS IN STATES
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have decided to set up a National Youth Commission;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the time by which a legislation to this effect is likely to be introduced in Parliament;
- (d) whether the Centre have directed the State Governments to set up similar commissions in their States;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Task Force on Employment headed by Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia has submitted its report; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the Government's decision thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 12 T ANSWERED ON 26.02.2002 REGARDING SETTING UP OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS IN STATES SHRI G.MALLIKARJUNAPPA & SHRI PRABODH PANDA.

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. It has been decided to set up a National Commission for Youth. The Commission which will comprise of a Chairman and 6 members will study the areas of concern for the youth of the country (problems faced/likely to be faced by them) with particular focus on the problem of youth unemployment, suggest better implementation of and coordination for the existing youth related schemes by various agencies, recommend new programmes and policies for the benefit of the youth and, finally suggest measures for the implementation of the Plan of Action of the new National Youth Policy. The Commission shall submit its report in six month's time from the date of constitution.

(d) & (e): No, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir. The Task Force on Employment Opportunities set up under the Chairmanship of Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, the then Member, Planning Commission submitted its report to be Deputy Chairman Planning Commission on 2nd July, 2001.

(g) The Report of Task Force has been placed in Parliament Library (Call No. 331.1R/P1 and Class No.331.1.R) Chapter 8 of the said Report gives Summary of Recommendations. The Report has not yet been examined by Planning Commission. A Special Group on 'Targeting 10 Million Employment Opportunities per year over the 10th Plan Period' has been constituted by Planning Commission under the Chairmanship of Dr.S.P.Gupta, Member, Planning Commission, whose terms of reference include this work also. The Special Group has already held three separate meetings on 19th September, 2001, 20th September, 2001 and 9th October, 2001 and on 19th February, 2002.