

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:60  
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2005  
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING  
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram;Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

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

- (a) whether the National Development Council met in New Delhi in June;
- (b) If so, the main issues discussed and the outcome thereof;
- (c) The future road map chalked out at the meeting to gain targeted growth rate;
- (d) whether the Government has decided to constitute two NDC sub- committees on farming and State debts to devise ways to give a fillip to the overall economic growth;
- (e) If so, whether these two sub-committees were constituted under the Chairmanship of Agriculture and Finance Ministers; and
- (f) If so, by when these two are likely to submit their report?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 60 REGARDING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING BY SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO AND SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR, DUE FOR ANSWER ON 27.07.2005.

(a): The National Development Council met under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 27th & 28th June, 2005.

(b): The main issue discussed during the meeting was the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan. The NDC expressed broad agreement with the goals and policies suggested in the Mid-Term Appraisal which could act as a blue print for further action on development matters in the Tenth Plan and as the starting point for initiating work on the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(c): The road map for achieving the targeted growth rate of 7 – 8% during the last two years of the Tenth Five Year Plan is indicated in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, copies of which have already been placed in the parliament library.

(d): The NDC agreed to form a Sub-Committee for drawing up implementable action plans in agriculture and related issues. It was also decided to set up a committee separately under the Finance Minister to examine relevant issues relating to the debt burden of States and debt relief with reference to their debt outstanding against the National Small Savings Fund (NSSF).

(e): The sub-committee on agriculture is to be headed by the Agriculture Minister, whereas the committee to examine relevant issues relating to the debt burden of States and debt relief with reference to their debt outstanding against the National Small Savings Fund (NSSF), would be headed by the Finance Minister.

(f): The committees will be requested to submit their reports in time for the next meeting of the NDC.