GOVERNMENT OF INDIA STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:379 ANSWERED ON:26.07.2006 20-POINT PROGRAMME Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to restructure 20-point programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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(c) whether the objectives of the 20-point programme are yet to be achieved;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore;

(e) the main thrust areas where Government is likely to give priority under the revised 20-point programme; and

(f) the time by which a restructured 20-point programme is likely to be finalized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The need to restructure the Twenty Point Programme - 1986 has become inevitable due to introduction of several new policies and programmes by the Government since 1986.

(c) and (d) The main objective of the Programme is poverty alleviation and to improve the quality of life of common man. Achieving this objective is a continuous process. The Twenty Point Programme is, therefore, still relevant.

(e) and (f) The thrust areas are being identified and would be shortly finalized by the Government.