

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up an independent agency for evolving Government programmes especially for its large spending on "aam admi" schemes and ensure that benefits of the schemes reach the masses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the present monitoring and evaluation of Government schemes which, being an 'in- house' exercise, fails to reflect reality at ground level and bottlenecks in different social sector scheme; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which the new agency is expected to help in implementing social sector schemes so that they reach to 'aam admi'?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for setting up of an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) to assess the outcomes and impact of the major flagship programmes of Government of India.

In the recent 2010-2011 Budget Speech, the Finance Minister while mentioning about the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) said, "It has been decided that it would be an independent entity under a Governing board chaired by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The IEO would evaluate the impact of flagship programmes and place the findings in the public domain. It would be funded by the Planning Commission".

(c): The Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) of Planning Commission is entrusted with the task of conducting evaluation studies of the Central/Centrally sponsored Government schemes assessing the impact of and bottlenecks in the specific programme on a sample basis. However, at the Centre the implementing Ministries monitor their respective social sector schemes. The report of evaluation study conducted for specific Central/Centrally sponsored schemes incorporating the aspects of monitoring are submitted to the Government of India and placed in the public domain.

(d): The proposed Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) would strengthen the existing evaluation process by drawing the best resources available from leading research organizations. The findings of the independent evaluation will be reported to the Government of India and also be placed in the public domain.