

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNIQUE PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up any Technology Advisory Group for Unique Projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the composition and tasks assigned to the Advisory Group;
- (d) whether the Advisory Group has been given any time frame to submit its report on the assigned task; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Government has constituted a Technology Advisory Group for Unique Projects (TAGUP) on June 1, 2010, to address various technological and systemic issues relating to the reliable, secure and efficient functioning of IT intensive systems in Government such as Tax Information Network, New Pension Scheme, National Treasury Management Agency, Expenditure Information Network and Goods and Service Tax and to make appropriate recommendations thereon.

(c) to (e) TAGUP comprises Shri Nandan Nilekani as Chairman and Members Shri. C. B. Bhawe, Chairman, SEBI; Shri R. Chandrasekhar, Secretary, Department of Information Technology; Shri Dharendra Swarup, Former Chairman, PFRDA; Shri S.S.Khan, Former Member, CBDT; Shri P.R.V. Ramanan, Former Member, CBEC; and Dr. Nachiket Mor, President, ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth. The Group has been tasked to address and make appropriate recommendations, within six months of the date of its constitution, on various issues related to the effective implementation of these projects including human resources issues, legal, regulatory and securities issues, technology design and architecture, contractual requirements, monitoring systems, dispute settlement frameworks, etc.