

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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GREEN PERFORMANCE AS BASIS FOR ASSISTANCE

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include performance on environmental concerns as one of the criteria for determining Central assistance to States as reported in the media;
- (b) if so, whether the Planning Commission has prepared blueprint for the disbursal of funds in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Planning Commission has prepared an index for measuring the "green" performance of each State and ranking them;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSION (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission of Government of India is working on environmental performance but it has not taken a final shape, yet. Only after it is finalized by the Planning Commission the matter will be put up for necessary approvals including that of the National Development Council (NDC).

(f): View of the States/UTs will be elicited only after the Environmental Performance Index is finalized by the Planning Commission.