

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:192
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2011
APPROACH TO TWELFTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has initiated the exercise to formulate the Approach to Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Commission has held discussions with various stakeholders in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether trade unions and civil society organisations are also proposed to be got involved in the consultation process; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(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.192 DUE FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011 RAISED BY SHRI. M.B. RAJESH, M.P. REGARDING APPROACH TO TWELFTH PLAN.

(a) to (f): Planning Commission has initiated the exercise to formulate the Approach to Twelfth Five Year Plan. In this exercise various consultations with stakeholders have been initiated. The first consultation with Civil Society organizations to take the process forward was held on October 1, 2010 and views of representatives NGOs and civil society organizations were heard. The list of organizations /NGOs invited for consultation is given at annexure A hereto. Planning Commission has also launched a website specifically for the purpose of inviting comments and views from all interested persons and organisations in order to widen the consultation process. Approximately 600 comments from various stakeholders have been received and are being examined. In addition, the Planning Commission proposes to hold five regional consultations with State Governments and other stakeholders including civil society, business, trade unions, academia and youth to ascertain their views on various issues before finalizing the Approach to the Twelfth Five Year Plan. The details of the proposed regional level consultations are given at Annexure B hereto. The purpose of this exercise is to widen the ambit of consultation towards a more participatory decision making process.