

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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WANING OF COUNTRY'S IMAGE

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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the report of Global Intelligence Review (GIR), an independent Mumbai based think tank, has stated that India's image has been waned at the international level during the past six months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of reasons given by the GIR for waning country's image; and
- (d) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the image of the country?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) to (c): Government has seen media reports to the effect that a study by Global Intelligence Review, an independent Mumbai think tank, has inter-alia stated that India's image has waned at the international level during the past six months due to governance deficit and corruption. The study/review represents a point of view.
- (d): The Government has taken several steps in the recent past to check corruption and improve Governance. The steps, interalia, include –
 - (i) Constitution of a Group of Ministers to consider measures that can be taken by the Government to tackle corruption.
 - (ii) Introduction of the Lokpal Bill, 2011 in the Lok Sabha.
 - (iii) Ratification of United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).
 - (iv) Introduction of the Prevention of Bribery of Foreign Public Officials and Officials of Public International Organizations Bill, 2011 in the Lok Sabha.
 - (v) Introduction of the Judicial Standards and Accountability Bill, 2010 in the Parliament.
 - (vi) Placing of immovable property returns of all Members of the All India Services and other Group 'A' officers of the Central Government in public domain.