

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPROVING IMAGE OF THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the image of the country is being tainted and reforms stalled due to rising corruption cases and prolonged indecision of the Government;
- (b) if so, the concrete measures adopted by the Government to improve the image of the country; and
- (c) the time likely to be taken to eradicate corruption completely in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : India has advantage over a number of countries since we have vibrant democratic institutions and independent judiciary. Implementation of economic reforms and implementation of regulatory procedures are part of a continuous process undertaken by the Government to increase efficiencies and reduce discretionary powers. These steps would contribute to decrease in corruption. The implementation of the GST, which is currently under active discussion, should also help in curtailing corruption. While it is not possible to put a formal time line on this, it is hoped that this will happen soon.