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STUDY ON GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has asked the World Bank to conduct a study on the impact of Government's social security schemes in 2004;
- (b) if so, whether the World Bank in its report recently presented a bleak picture of the impact and has suggested more private participation in the social security schemes in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the World Bank has especially targeted public distribution system and suggested direct cash transfer to poor;
- (e) if so, the extent to which the report is likely to help the Government in formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government on the suggestions made by World Bank in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A report on "Social Protection for a Changing India" has been brought out by the World Bank in May 2011. The report has been prepared in response to a request from the Government of India during consultations for the formulation of the World Bank's Country Strategy for India in 2004.

The report has examined the social protection policy and delivery systems in the country in the recent years. It documents the successes and challenges of various social security programmes such as the Public Distribution System (PDS), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), among others.

In connection with improving the impact of these programmes, the report emphasizes on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) for program delivery. In this respect, it cites successful examples such as MGNREGS, RSBY, etc.

The report has used the National Sample Survey (NSS) data to analyze the performance of the Public Distribution System in India. As one of several options, it recommends offering households the option of a cash transfer where appropriate.

In connection with formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission is taking into account feedback from all stakeholders including the State Governments, civil society, business, academia and youth.