

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1771
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TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN PLANNING COMMISSION
Ramshankar Dr.

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of Technical Experts in the Planning Commission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Technical Experts have been appointed on contract basis;
- (d) if so, whether appointing Technical Experts on contract basis is likely to affect the quality of work; and
- (e) if so, the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Globalisation and integration of the market economy with the world has changed the Planning process. Much of what used to be done by governments is now being done by the private sector. In view of the changed circumstances, there is need for technical expertise in the Commission so that the planning process keeps track with the market economy.
- (c): Planning Commission operates two Plan Schemes titled "Expertise for Planning Process" and "Plan Formulation Appraisal and Review". Under these schemes Consultants with requisite professional qualifications and experience, are engaged on contract basis for providing high quality services to the Planning Commission and for attending to specific time bound jobs like preparation of project reports etc.
- (d): No, Madam. These experts provide quality input to the Commission which helps in the planning process.
- (e): Question does not arise.