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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to establish an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) to undertake assessment of various programmes and public interventions;
- (b) if so, the structure of proposed IEO and the nature of independent and autonomous status it would have to make an impartial assessment of the programmes;
- (c) whether the World Bank, IMF and donors agencies would be part of this body;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the sources of finance for the functioning of the body; and
- (e) the extent to which the national NGOs would be participating in the assessment exercise of the IEO?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government has already approved setting up of an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO).
- (b): The IEO will have a Governing Board chaired by Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The core staff of the IEO would comprise of a Director General, 4 Directors (Domain Experts) at the level of Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary, one Joint Secretary (Administration/Finance), 6 Research Coordinators at Director level of Government of India, 10 Young Professionals (Subject Experts) and 7 Office Staff. The IEO will be an independent body and will have full functional autonomy to discharge its functions.
- (c) to (e): The IEO will be fully funded by the Government of India. The IEO is permitted to engage the services of leading social science research/other knowledge institutions to evaluate the impact of flagship programmes.