

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SLOW PROGRESS IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF POOR
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the pace of India's progress in the social sector indices is very slow even after longterm concentration on the improvement in the quality of life of the poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for accelerated development in social sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per India Human Development Report, 2011, Human Development Index, which is a composite index of outcome indicators in three dimensions viz. a long and healthy life, the acquisition of education and knowledge, the standard of living and command over resources, for major states is given in the Statement enclosed as Annexure.

(c) Some of the major programmes being implemented by the Government for the accelerated development of social sectors include Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Indira Awas Yojana, Rajiv Awas Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme, National Rural Health Mission, Integrated Child Development Services, Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Sakshar Bharat with focus on female literacy, Mid day Meal Scheme, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, Post Matric Scholarship Schemes and Hostel Facilities for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes, Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, Inclusive Education for the Disabled at Secondary Stage, Integrated Programme for Older Persons, National Rural Drinking Water Project, Total Sanitation Campaign, Aam Admi Bima Yojana and Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana.