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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up an Independent Evaluation Office to undertake an assessment of various public programmes and public interventions;
- (b) if so, the details of such proposal;
- (c) whether World Bank, IMF and other donor agencies would be part of this structure;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any move to invite NGOs to participate in the above body;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government has already approved setting up of an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) as an attached office under the aegis of Planning Commission, to carry out independent evaluation of various flagship programmes, schemes, etc. The IEO will be fully funded by the Government of India. The IEO will be an independent body and will have full functional autonomy to discharge its functions. The IEO will have a Governing Board chaired by Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and will be guided by Development Evaluation Advisory Committee, Planning Commission

(c) & (d): The World Bank, IMF and other donor agencies are not part of the structure of IEO.

(e) to (g): The IEO is permitted to engage the services of leading social science research/other knowledge institutions to evaluate the impact of flagship programmes.