GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PLANNING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4146 ANSWERED ON:02.05.2012 PPP IN SOCIAL SECTOR Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausaheb

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan for Public-Private-Partnership in social sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the sectors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. Resource constraints make it difficult to meet the need of expanding education, health etc. entirely through the public sector. The Approach paper to the 12th Five Year Plan has stated that Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) are expected to augment resource availability as well as improve efficiency of service delivery. Efforts to attract private investment through the PPP route have met with success in Infrastructure sector. A number of PPP projects are currently operational in both the Centre and the States.

There is a need to explore PPPs in areas where there is a resource shortfall. During 12th Five Year Plan, Government proposes to enlarge the scope for PPPs in the development of the critical sectors like health and education etc.