

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENT IN THE COUNTRY  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a heavy shortage of infrastructure in the country and a lot of investment is required for this purpose;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has requested/proposes to request the NRIs and people of Indian origin to utilize their knowledge, expertise and finances in infrastructure, agriculture, energy and social sectors projects;
- (c) if so the details thereof; and
- (d) the response of NRIs and people of Indian origin in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam. Inadequate infrastructure was recognised in the Eleventh Plan as a major constraint on rapid growth. The Plan had, therefore, emphasized the need for massive expansion in investment in infrastructure based on a combination of public and private investment, the latter through various forms of public-private partnerships. The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) had envisaged an investment of Rs. 20,56,150 crore during the Plan period. According to the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Plan, this target would be broadly realized. The Approach Paper of the Twelfth Five Year Plan

(2012-17) has envisaged an investment of Rs. 45 lakh crore over the Plan period.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has constituted a Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council of People of Indian Origin to draw upon the experience and knowledge of eminent people of Indian origin in diverse fields from across the world.

(d): The NRIs and people of Indian origin are expected to respond favourably in this regard.