

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the pace of ongoing schemes for eradication of poverty, starvation, malnutrition and health in the country is very slow as per a report of the United Nation Organisation;
- (b) if so, whether the targets fixed under the Millennium Development Goals cannot be achieved in five years in view of the slow implementation of the said schemes as per the report;
- (c) if so, the details of the report and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any target to completely do away with poverty, starvation and malnutrition; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): As per the United Nation Organisation's Report on "Accelerating Equitable Achievement of The MDGs: Closing Gaps In Health And Nutrition Outcomes, Asia- Pacific Regional MDG Report 2011/12, India is making slow progress on reducing poverty, starvation, malnutrition and health.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) coordinates the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) monitoring system and releases Progress Reports from time to time. Millennium Development Goals, India Country Report, 2011 is the latest report brought out by the Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in December 2011. So far as India is concerned, 8 MDGs with 12 targets are relevant which are sought to be achieved during the period 1990 to 2015. A Brief on the MDG goals, targets and the assessment of performance for the latest year available based on this Report is given at Annexure. There has been progress in all indicators. Since further progress is expected to be made in the remaining period upto 2015, it is hoped that performance with reference to the 2015 targets will be satisfactory.

The Administrative Ministries such as the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development are implementing a number of schemes relevant to attainment of MDG targets.