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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the first meeting of the reconstituted National Advisory Council (NAC) reiterated its advice to the Government to develop a comprehensive social security scheme for all unorganized sector workers;
- (b) if so, whether the NAC has set the deadline for the Government to check its progress and inform the council at the earliest; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The National Advisory Council, in its meeting held in March 2012, deliberated on issues relating to social security for the unorganized sector workers and communicated its recommendations to the Government on 19th April, 2012.

While no deadline is envisaged, the recommendations cover elements of a minimum social security package like maternity assistance, financial protection against ill-health, life- cum -disability benefits, pension benefits etc. and new implementation architecture which require due consideration in view of their financial and administrative implications.