

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2876  
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FORMULATION OF TWELFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the formulation of Twelfth Five Year Plan is being delayed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the likely impact on the economic growth as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the foreign tours being undertaken by the members of the Planning Commission is one of the reasons for delay in the formulation of the Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government has received any report in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon along with measures to expedite finalisation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : The process of formulating the Twelfth Five Year Plan was initiated in the beginning of the year 2011. In order to make the planning process of the country more responsive to the citizens concern, the Planning Commission took steps to make the planning process more consultative. Wide-ranging consultations with various stakeholders including Union Ministries, States, civil societies, PRIs, business, labour organisations, academia etc. were undertaken, besides seeking directions of Full Planning Commission (FPC) and in- house discussions. Planning Commission also held consultations with organizations representing various citizens` groups e.g., women, dalits and youth. To reach out to all citizens, the Planning Commission has used modern communication tools including a dedicated website and a Facebook page, wherein interested stakeholders could make their suggestion and express their views on issues concerning 12th Five Year Plan. Based on this process the Approach Paper for the Twelfth Five Year Plan was prepared has already been approved by National Development Council (NDC). The overall direction for the Twelfth Five Year Plan has already been laid down by this NDC approved Approach to the Twelfth Five Year Plan. Also, various stakeholders including Ministries are aware of the counters of the Plan through their involvement and participation in various Working Groups / Steering Committees. Therefore, it is not likely to have affected the growth in any way. Based on the overall framework outlined in the Approach Paper, recommendations of the Steering Committees / Working Groups and in-house consultations, the Planning Commission is in the process of preparing the 12th Five Year Plan Document for the approval of National Development Council (NDC).

(c): No, Madam. The foreign tours undertaken by the members of the Planning Commission has not affected the formulation of the Plan.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No, Madam. No such Report has been received by the Planning Commission.

(f): Does not arise.