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CREATING SOCIAL CAPITAL
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is taking steps for creating social capital and addressing vulnerabilities through convergence effort;
- (b) If so, the complete details thereof during the last three years, State-wise and scheme-wise; and
- (c) The views of the public, experts and the NGOs in this regard for each programme, State-wise for the Twelfth Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The creation of Social Capital and addressing vulnerabilities through convergence has been built into the Plan process itself. The Approach Paper to the XII Five Year Plan lays emphasis on inclusive growth resulting in lower incidence of poverty, broad-based and significant improvement in health outcomes, universal access for children to school, increased access to higher education and improved standards of education, including skill development. Inclusive growth would also be reflected in better opportunities for both wage employment and livelihood, and in improvement in provision of basic amenities like water, electricity, roads, sanitation and housing. The needs of the SC/ST & OBC population, Women & children as well as Minorities have been identified for particular attention.

The relevant details are available in the various reports of the Steering Committees and Working Groups which are in public domain on the Planning Commission website (<http://planningcommission.nic.in/>).