

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DECLINE IN PROSPERITY INDEX

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India`s ranking in the Legatum Global Prosperity Index has declined since 2009;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has analysed the reasons for the decline; and
- (d) if so, the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING(SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (d): According to the London based Legatum Institute's report titled "The 2012 Legatum Prosperity Index", India has experienced a drop in prosperity since 2009. In 2012 India is placed at 101st position in the ranking of prosperity of 142 countries whereas the ranking of India for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 was 78, 88 and 91 out of 110 countries respectively. The Prosperity Index is based on 89 variables grouped into 8 sub- indices taking into account both economic growth and citizen's quality of life. According to the report,India`s ranking has declined since 2009 in part due to decline in the Governance sub- index which includes parameters like confidence in the Government, confidence in the judiciary and Government effectiveness. The data used for these parameters may be subjective and hence cannot be commented upon.