

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has been rated as the most innovative country in Central and South Asia and also globally ranked 66th among 142 countries by Global Innovation Index;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the action being taken by the National Innovation Council to further improve the global rank of India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)& (b): This Department is not in possession of the Global Innovation Index. However, from the extracts available in public domain it is seen that India has been globally ranked 66th among 142 countries in Central and South Asia by Global Innovation Index.

(c) : National Innovation Council (NInC) was constituted by the prime Minister of India under the Chairmanship of Shri Sam Pitroda, Adviser to the Prime Minister on PII to discuss, analyse and help implement strategies for inclusive innovation in India and prepare a Roadmap for Innovation 2010-2020.

National Innovation Council has taken up various initiatives focusing on developing appropriate models and frameworks which will have a positive impact on the lives of the citizens especially people in the lower half of the economic pyramid. These include Formation of State & Sectoral innovation Councils; Initiatives for MSME Growth; Initiatives in Education.