

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has established an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) to undertake objective evaluations of funds policies and activities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the structure of the IEO and the extent of autonomy accorded to it to enable an impartial assessment of the public programme;
- (c) whether World Bank, IMF and other donor agencies would be part of this body and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether national NGO's would also be participating in the assessment exercise of the IEO; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJIV SHUKLA)

(a) & (b): Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) has been constituted as an attached office under the aegis of Planning Commission to carry out independent evaluation of various flagship programmes, schemes etc. The IEO is headed by Director General and will have a Governing Body Chaired by Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission and will be guided by Development Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC).

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): The IEO is permitted to engage the services of leading social science research/other knowledge institutions to evaluate the impact of flagship programmes/ schemes.