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NATIONAL POLICY ON VOLUNTARY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Policy on Voluntary Sector has succeeded in achieving its aims and objectives and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has done any review of its compliance by the Voluntary Sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to increase the effectiveness of the Voluntary Sector and interaction of Government with Voluntary Sector?

Answer

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

(a): The main aim & objective of the overarching National Policy on Voluntary Sector 2007 to provide an enabling environment for voluntary organizations (VOs) and encourage them to adopt transparent and accountable systems of governance have been achieved, to a large extent, as reflected in their increased participation in various national development activities/programmes.

(b) & (c): The National Policy on Voluntary Sector inter-alia stated that to increase the governance and effectiveness of the voluntary sector, they are expected to set its own benchmarks through self-regulation. Overall progress of the Policy was reviewed by the Steering Committee on Voluntary Sector for the 12th Five Year Plan and its main recommendations were included in the 12th Plan Document, including the suggestion for setting up of Joint Consultative Groups/Forums with VOs at various levels. For increasing interaction with VOs, Planning Commission consulted a large number of them for formulation of the Approach Paper to the 12th Plan as well as for the Mid-term Appraisal of the 11th Plan. In addition, VOs are invited from time to time, under the Civil Society Window initiative of Planning Commission to share grassroots realities and alternate views on development with Government representatives.