

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that in Global Hunger Index(GHI) score, India occupies the 66th position among 88 developing countries
- (b) the reasons for lagging behind all other countries; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a): The 2009 Global Hunger Index(GHI) report places India at 65th position among 84 countries.
- (b) & (c): The index value of 23.9 in 2009 is an improvement on the index value of 31.7 in 1990 due to schemes like Integrated Child Development Services(ICDS), Mid-Day Meal Scheme besides anti-poverty schemes and the recent National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS).