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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) for evaluating Government programmes; and
- (b) if so, the details and modalities thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Government has set up an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) as an attached office under the aegis of Planning Commission, to carry out independent evaluation of various flagship programmes, schemes, etc. The IEO is fully funded by the Government of India as an independent body with functional autonomy to discharge its functions. The IEO is permitted to engage the services of leading social science research/other knowledge institutions to evaluate the impact of flagship programmes. The IEO will be guided by the Development Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC), Planning Commission, which will act as the apex body for guiding and prioritizing the areas of research and methodologies to be adopted.