

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is lagging behind in achieving the targets set under Millennium Development Goals;
- (b) if so, the details of the achievements made so far against the goals and targets and the reasons for slow progress in this regard;
- (c) whether there is an urgent need for specific policy to achieve the goals on time; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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 Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) coordinates the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) monitoring system and releases Progress Reports from time to time. Millennium Development Goals, India Country Report, 2014 is the latest report brought out by the Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. So far as India is concerned, 8 MDGs with 12 targets are relevant which are sought to be achieved during the period 1990 to 2015. A Brief on the MDG goals, targets and the assessment of performance for the latest year available based on this Report is given at Annexure. There has been progress in all the indicators and further progress is expected to be made in the remaining period upto 2015.

(c) & (d): The Government of India is a signatory of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and makes all efforts to achieve the targets set for the Goals/ indicators associated with it. The Administrative Ministries such as the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development are implementing a number of schemes and programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) etc. to improve India's social indicators.