

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a national policy to involve the voluntary sector in development efforts;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. In the meeting of the Joint Machinery for collaboration between the Government and the voluntary sector, held on the 18th June 2003, it was decided that a national policy to involve the voluntary sector in development efforts would be formulated.

(b) & (c) : The salient features of the draft national policy, under preparation, would inter-alia include streamlining of government's rules and regulations, and providing recognition and more opportunities for voluntary sector to engage in development efforts. To prepare the draft national policy on voluntary sector other existing national policies are being consulted.