

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DRAFT NATIONAL POLICY FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the draft National Policy for the voluntary sector prepared by the Government;
- (b) whether the consultations have been held in this regard with the Ministries, States and other concerned;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the policy is likely to be given effect?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): The Draft National Policy for the voluntary sector is yet to be finalised. However, the salient features of the draft policy, inter-alia include: streamlining government's rules and regulations, providing recognition for voluntary sector to engage in development efforts and creating an enabling environment for VOs.

(b) & (c): Yes Sir. The Draft has been formulated in consultation with concerned Ministries, State Governments and VOs/NGOs.

(d): The draft Policy has yet to receive appropriate approvals, therefore, it is difficult to provide any time frame, at this stage.