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MONITORING SERVICE SECTOR PERFORMANCE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is considering to set up a high level group in the Planning Commission to monitor service sector performance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government is also considering to set up a group which can monitor the slow growth of Agricultural Sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Planning Commission has initiated action for setting up a High Level Group to look into the various factors influencing the performance of the service sector and suggest policy measures which would need to be taken to sustain its competitiveness in the coming years. The High Level Group will function under the overall Guidance of Planning Commission and will include experts from the relevant areas.

(c) to (e): The National Farmer's Commission under the Chairmanship of Dr. M. S. Swaminathan has already gone into the various issues related to the agricultural sector including its slow growth and has submitted its reports to the Government. The Planning Commission has also set up 12 Working Groups to make recommendations on various aspects of development of the agricultural and allied sectors in the Eleventh Plan. A Steering Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. H. Hanumantha Rao would also, inter alia, go into the issue of slow agricultural growth. There is no proposal under consideration of Planning Commission at present for setting up yet another group to monitor the slow growth of the agricultural sector.