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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether with the initiation of economic reforms, liberalization and increase in the participation of private sector in the total investment, the role of planning in the country has undergone a change;

(b) if so, whether due to these factors, long term vision of planning has undergone change;

(c) if so, whether keeping this in view, the Government has constituted a Committee on Vision 2020;

(d) if so, the broad terms of reference of the Committee and the number of sittings held so far by the Committee since its inception and the number of draft reports submitted; and

(e) the areas identified so far by the Committee for long term planning ?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir. With the initiation of economic reforms, liberalization and increase in the participation of the private sector in the total investment, the role of planning in the country has become more important but is different from that envisaged in the past. There are many areas, for example, the social sectors, where its role will clearly have to increase. There are other areas, for example, infrastructure development, where gaps are large and private sector cannot be expected to step in significantly. In all these areas, the role of planning in creating and maintaining a modern regulatory system for ensuring a fair deal for consumers, transparency and accountability, and a level playing field is extremely important.

(b): Every Five Year and Perspective Plans have formulated their own vision depending upon the emerging challenges, priorities and opportunities.

(c) & (d): The Government constituted a Committee on Vision 2020 in May, 2000. The broad terms of reference of the Committee were:

1. To prepare an outlook for India in 2020, especially focusing on the opportunities and challenges, and

2. To envision the possibilities of India's development potential over the next two decades in a multi dimensional framework, including aspects of human development, social & physical infrastructure, knowledge resources & technology, energy & environment, economy, governance and security.

The Committee had eight sittings before submitting its Report in December, 2002.

(e): The following areas were identified by the Committee for the long term planning

1. Sustainability of Material Resources.

2. Physical Infrastructure

3. Towards a Knowledge Society

4. Food and Nutrition

5. The State of an Indian

6. Economic Dimensions of Well Being

7 Social Justice and Empowerment

8. The External Environment, and

9. Governance and People`s Participation