

# NOD FOR PANEL ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the setting up of a high-level steering committee chaired by the Chief Statistician of India and Secretary to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) to review if India was on track to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The panel would also decide if there was a need to “refine” indicators by reviewing the National Indicator Framework (NIF) periodically, according to a press release announcing the Cabinet decision.

The SDGs are a list of 17 goals, which include the elimination of poverty, ending hunger, ensuring provision of quality education, clean water and sanitation, that countries, including India, must achieve by 2030.

The steering committee would recommend measures to “mainstream” SDGs into ongoing national policies, programmes and strategic action plans to address the developmental challenges.

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