



Goal - 10 REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

By 2030,

10.1	Progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 per cent of the population at a rate higher than the national average
10.2	empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status
10.3	Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard
10.4	Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies, and progressively achieve greater equality
10.5	Improve the regulation and monitoring of global financial markets and institutions and strengthen the implementation of such regulations
10.6	Ensure enhanced representation and voice for developing countries in decision-making in global international economic and financial institutions in order to deliver more effective, credible, accountable and legitimate institutions
10.7	Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies
10.a	Implement the principle of special and differential treatment for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, in accordance with World Trade Organization agreements
10.b	Encourage official development assistance and financial flows, including foreign direct investment, to States where the need is greatest, in particular least developed countries, African countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries, in accordance with their national plans and programmes
10.c	Reduce to less than 3 % the transaction costs of migrant remittances and eliminate remittance corridors with costs higher than 5%.



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NATIONAL SCHEMES AND POLICIES

Nodal Ministry- **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India**

Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)	Related Interventions	Targets	Other Concerned Ministries/ Departments
1. Multi Sectoral Development Programme for Minorities 2. Backward Regions Grant Fund (District Component) (ACA) (M/o PR/M/o Finance) 3. Scheme for Development of Scheduled Castes (Core of the Core) 4. Scheme for Development of Other Backward Classes and Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes. (Core of the Core) 5. Scheme for development of Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) 6. Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) (State Component) (ACA)	1. Grants from Central Pool of Resources for North Eastern Region and Sikkim	Target 10.1	Finance, Rural Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Urban Development, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Tribal Affairs, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
	2. Udaan Scheme for youth of Jammu & Kashmir	Target 10.2	Social Justice & Empowerment, Minority Affairs, Tribal Affairs, Development of North Eastern Region Law & Justice
	3. PAHAL-Direct Benefits Transfer for LPG(DBTL) consumers scheme	Target 10.3	Social Justice & Empowerment Law & Justice, Tribal Affairs
	4. Give it Up Campaign (for LPG subsidy)	Target 10.4	Social Justice & Empowerment, Tribal Affairs
		Target 10.5	Finance
		Target 10.6	Finance
	5. Mudra Yojana	Target 10.7	Overseas Indian Affairs
		Target 10.a	External Affairs, Commerce, Department Of Industrial Policy & Promotion
		Target 10.b	Finance
	Target 10.c	Finance	

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GAPS AND CHALLENGES

In Indian context special attention is to be laid on reducing inequalities between the general population and in particular the Scheduled Castes (Dalits) (16.6 per cent), Scheduled Tribes (Tribals) (8.2 per cent), Muslim minorities (14 per cent), urban poor population, migrant population, particularly vulnerable tribes, internally displaced people (IDPs), people affected by conflict, street children and orphans, homeless people to name some. The Constitution also has many provisions to promote inclusion in decision making through 73rd, 74th Amendments, Article 334.

Promoting the voice and space for developing and vulnerable nations and financial mechanisms are particularly focused in this regard. The need to protect International migration and mobility of people and the costing on their remittances are also of particular concern.

As regards international inequality India is very active in the various international fora such as United Nations, BRICS, G 20, and WTO to ensure that the developed countries transfer resources for the development of the poorer countries and set in place fairer trade arrangements. India is also part of the global effort to curb tax evasion which is a major means of increasing inequality.

There has been of late considerable effort by countries across the world to more effectively regulate the powers of the multinational financial institutions which control the global economy. The developed countries have to ensure the stability of the global financial system, volatility in which is the primary cause of deprivation globally and also reform the global financial architecture to make it more representative and friendly to developing countries.

In the current global economic environment, we recognize that there is a pressing need for enhancing the flow of development finance to emerging and developing countries. We therefore call upon the World Bank to give greater priority to development finance, reducing lending costs and adopting innovative lending tools” (BRICS, 2014). India is also part of new regional financial institutions like the New Development Bank (NDB formerly known as BRICS bank) with the objective to ‘mobilize resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS and other emerging economies and developing countries’.



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RECOMMENDATION

1. The developed countries have to ensure the stability of the global financial system, volatility in which, is the primary cause of deprivation globally and also reform the global financial architecture to make it more representative and friendly to developing countries.
2. Map social groups based on various vectors of social exclusion and marginalization and create disaggregated base-line on different development inequalities. It is recommended that the disaggregated base-line is developed at all layers of governance from the panchayat and urban local bodies to district, state and national levels.
3. In particular recognize SC, ST and Muslim minority communities and the intersectionalities with gender, age, disability, occupation, sexual orientation given that these have historical, social and structural inbuilt inequalities.
4. Promulgate a comprehensive 'Anti-discrimination' legislation to prevent discrimination in governance and development services. Promote mechanisms that can inculcate understanding and sensitivity on socially excluded and marginalized communities among duty bearers. Put in place accountability mechanisms to ensure equal and non-discriminatory treatment and behavior to members of these communities.
5. Legislate, allocate and implement Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP), Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan (STSP) and Minority-sector Development Programme (MsDP) to reduce inequalities and promote inclusion.
6. Put in place necessary physical infrastructure, equipments and support mechanisms to help persons with disabilities access public places, participate and benefit from development programmes.
7. Evaluate and strengthen the mechanisms addressing the inequalities or discrimination within the countries on grounds of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law.
8. Re-evaluate policies on the internally displaced and migrants, on the basis of the discrimination and inequalities within the social and political conditions.



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