

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC DISPARITY IN DIFFERENT STATES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have conducted any survey to remove the regional economic disparity in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to remove regional economic disparity?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS(SHRI ANANDRAOV. ADSUL)

(a),(b)&(c): The Approach Paper to Tenth Five Year Plan emphasises the importance of ensuring balanced development of all States and indicates that the Tenth Plan should include a State-wise break-down of the broad developmental targets, including targets for growth rates and social development. The Government has been taking necessary steps from time to time to remove regional disparities through devolution of funds to States based on the recommendations of the Finance Commission and channelising funds under various schemes.