

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
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GDP GROWTH RATE
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Statistical Organisation has projected a GDP growth rate of just 4.4% for the Indian economy in the current year;
- (b) if so, whether it conflicts with the estimate of 5.6% in 2001-2002 according to the quick estimates released by the Central Statistical Organisation recently;
- (c) if so, the reasons for difference in estimates; and
- (d) the steps contemplated to boost the GDP growth rate to 7 to 8 percent?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION,
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) There is no question of a conflict between the GDP growth rate of 5.6% as per the Quick Estimates for 2001-2002 and 4.4% as per the Advance Estimates for 2002-2003.
- (c) The deceleration in the growth rate of GDP from 5.6% in the Quick Estimates for 2001-02 to 4.4% in the Advance Estimates for 2002-03 is mainly due to the impact of drought conditions.
- (d) The measures identified to boost the growth rate include the following:
 - (i) improving the efficiency of capital assets,
 - (ii) reduction of gestation lags of industrial and infrastructural investments,
 - (iii) emphasis on completion of partially completed or on-going projects and upgradation of existing capital assets before starting new projects,
 - (iv) legal and procedural changes for facilitating quick transfer of assets, including such measures as the repeal of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, introduction of bankruptcy laws and acceleration of judicial processes.