

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR  
LOK SABHA**

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CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN TO GDP  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the women labourers in the country contributes more than 30% of G.D.P.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of G.D.P. contributed by women labourers during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the contribution of women labourers during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (e) the extent to which the efforts to enhance the contribution of women labourers in G.D.P. have been successful during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Separate estimates of the G.D.P. contributed by women in the country are not maintained.

(d) & (e): Women constitute a significant part of the work force in India. Although there has been marginal improvement in annual rate of growth of female employment, the annual rate of growth of employment of educated women is substantially higher.

The female work participation rate (FWPR) was registered very low at 22.3 in 1991 against 51.6 for males. Of the female workers, 81% were engaged in primary sector and only 8 and 11% are involved in secondary and tertiary sectors respectively. The provisional result of Census 2001 have shown a moderate rise of FWPR to 25.6%.

In the public sphere, women's participation is gradually improving. . Women's participation in public decision making has also been increasing. The space created in local body governance structures for women by 73rd and 74th amendment has resulted in a million women gaining entry at different level. The variation across States in women's representation in the Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samitis and Zilla Parishads range from 3% to 45%.

Planning is a continuous process, which envisages the overall growth of the economy with equity. This does not evolve over contribution made by men/women. Since this is an over-all process, information on the contribution of women labour to G.D.P. is not available plan-wise.