

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION  
LOK SABHA**

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PER CAPITA INCOME  
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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) Per capita income in the country at present;
- (b) Whether the existing per capita income is low from the development point of view of the country; and
- (c) If so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government for increasing the per capita income?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

- (a) The per capita income in the country during 2005-06, as per the Revised Estimates released on 31st May 2006, is estimated to be Rs. 25,825 at current prices.
- (b) There is no norm from the development point of view to indicate whether the per capita income is low or high. However, as per the World Development Indicators 2005, the per capita Gross National Income of India for the year 2003 was US \$540 per annum and India ranked 159 in a list of 208 countries. In terms of purchasing power parity, the per capita income for India in 2003 was US \$2880 per annum and ranked 146 out of 208 countries.
- (c) There are multi pronged strategies to raise growth rate of the economy and to increase the per capita income. The details of strategies and measures are listed in the Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), which has been placed in the Parliament Library.