

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH OF STATES
Toppo Shri Joseph

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is huge difference in status of growth in different States, particularly in North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure the equal growth of all States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has made any specific plan for growth of backward States, like North Eastern States in Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof:

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (f): The annual rate of growth of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of different States at 1999-2000 prices for the period 2004-05 to 2008-09 is at Annexure. The differences in the growth rates across States including North Eastern States and across different years are due to many factors such as historical reasons, differences in initial conditions, public and private investment, business climate, differences in human development indicators, growth of agriculture, natural calamities such as drought and floods and so on. Several measures have been taken to improve the growth rate across the States in a balanced manner. The policy instruments include Plan and Non-Plan transfer of resources from the Centre to the States favouring less developed States, tax incentives for setting up of private industries in the backward regions, 10% mandatory earmarking of funds for the development of North Eastern States, flagship and other Centrally Sponsored Programmes with an aim to reduce disparities in social and economic infrastructure in States and catalyzing development in backward areas through Backward Region Grant Fund.