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

- (a) the variation of per capita income of the people living in the metro cities and that of the slum clusters during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) whether increase in per capita income of the tribal people in various states in the country is negligible as compared to the average increase in the national per capita income;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to bring the per capita income of the tribal people in various States at par with the average national per capita income?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF COAL AND STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a): Estimates of per capita income of the people living in the metro cities and that of the slum clusters are not compiled separately by the Central Statistics Office (CSO).
- (b) & (c): The per capita income by social groups is not collected and compiled by the CSO. However, Household Consumer Expenditure Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) gives data on average monthly per capita consumption expenditure by social groups. The increase in average monthly per capita consumption expenditure for the tribal people in various states as available from two latest quinquennial rounds of Household Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted during 1999-00 and 2004-05 is given in statement-I. At national level, the increase in per capita expenditure of scheduled tribe population is 9.79% in rural areas and 24.02% in urban areas as against an increase of 15.02% and 23.04% in rural and urban areas respectively for 'all population'.
- (d): Guidelines have been issued by the Planning Commission for drawing up of Tribal Sub- Plan (TSP) by various TSP States. Under the TSP strategy, the most significant aspect is to ensure a flow of funds for TSP areas at least in proportion to the Scheduled Tribe (ST) population of each State. Through TSP approach, the Government aims to narrow the gap between the levels of development of tribals and the rest of the population. Schemes under TSP vary from State to State and the Planning Commission lays down the broad contours for State-specific strategy based on the allocation for a Plan period. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to bring the Scheduled tribes at par with the other sections of the society and all the social sector programmes/schemes/ strategies for STs are designed with such an objective.