

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INCOME OF NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and per capita income of the Eight North Eastern States during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the details of steps taken by the Government to increase the GDP growth in various States in North Eastern Region during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (c) the extent to which the Government initiatives have helped in increasing the GDP of North Eastern States especially Arunachal Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a): As per the latest available information, the details of Gross State Domestic Product(GSDP) and per capita income (at 1999-2000 prices) for the North East States, for the period 2007-08 and 2008-09 are given in the annexure (Table I & II). Details of 2009-10 and 2010-11 are not yet finalised by CSO.

(b) & (c): The growth process of the North Eastern Region (NER) had been slow for the reasons like difficult terrain, transport and communication bottlenecks, natural calamities, etc. Recognizing the need for special attention for faster growth of the region the states of NER have been categorized as Special Category states for liberal plan funding. Substantial amount of Plan assistance have been provided to the States of NER during the 10th Five Year Plan and the first four years of the 11th Five Year Plan. As a special initiative for the development of the NER, it is mandatory to earmark at least 10% of the Gross Budgetary Support(GBS) of the Central Ministries/Departments for development programmes in the region. Further, for speedy development of infrastructure, the States of NER are accessing funds from the Non- lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), created out of the unspent balance of 10% budgetary allocation of the Ministries/Departments. For improving the connectivity (road, rail and air- connectivity) the concerned Central Ministries/Departments have also taken up special programmes in the region. All these initiatives of the government are gradually helping in creating an environment for rapid growth of the NER.