

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the per capita income of the State of Bihar is much less vis-à-vis the national average;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the per capita income of the States including Bihar?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. The per capita income of the State of Bihar is much less vis-à-vis the national average.
- (b): The comparable estimates of per capita income of Bihar and that of the country are available for the year 2008-09 for 1999-2000 series. The annual per capita income of Bihar for the year 2008-09 as compiled by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), Bihar is Rs. 13663 at current prices. As per the Central Statistics Office (CSO) estimates, the per capita national income is Rs. 37490 for the year 2008-09. The variations in per capita income are largely due to historical difference in initial conditions, natural resource endowments, level of industrialization and differences in human capital indicators viz. education, health etc.
- (c): The Government has been taking several measures to increase the per capita income of States in a balanced manner. The policy instruments in this regard include plan and non-plan transfer of resources from the Centre to States favouring less developed States, tax incentives for setting up of private industries in the backward regions, etc. A number of programmes have been initiated to reduce income disparity between States. These include Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), Hill Area Development Programme and Border Area Development Programme, etc.