GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PLANNING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2189 ANSWERED ON:09.03.2011 REGIONAL DISPARITY Singh Shri Jagada Nand

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is a wide gap between per capita income and the annual growth rate in various States inspite of various Central Plan Schemes being implemented in the States;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any steps to remove the regional disparity are proposed to be taken in the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(d) If so, the details thereof;

(e) Whether some experts have been consulted to bring about uniformity in the annual growth rate and bridge the gap in the per capita income in various states; and

(f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES(DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a)& (b): There are variations among States in per capita income and the annual growth rates in Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). The details are given in Annex-I & II respectively.

(c)to (f): The process for the formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan is in initial stages and the proposals thereof have not been worked out as yet. However, the objective of the Government is to bridge the gap and eventually reduce regional disparity in economic growth rates.