

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASING POWER  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the purchasing power parity between India and the United States of America (USA); and  
(b) the steps taken to bridge the gap between the two?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) As per the International Monetary Fund (IMF) World Economic Outlook data base, October 2010, the estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on purchasing power parity (PPP) basis of the United States of America (USA) and India and their growth rate is as under:

Year	USA		India	
	GDP on PPP basis (in US\$ billion)	Growth rate over previous year# (in per cent)	GDP on PPP basis (in US\$ billion)	Growth rate over previous year# (in per cent)
1	2	3	4	5
2008	14,369	-	3,390	-
2009	14,119	(-) 1.7	3,615	6.6
2010	14,624	3.6	4,001	10.7
2011	15,157	3.6	4,393	9.8
2012	15,825	4.4	4,806	9.4

:Projections

#:Growth rates of GDP on PPP basis calculated on the basis of estimates of GDP - PPP

The higher growth rate of GDP on PPP basis for India vis-à-vis USA suggests bridging the gap between the two countries in the long run.