

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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PER CAPITA INCOME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is intra and inter-state disparity in the per capita income;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the per capita income of each State and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase per capita income of each State of the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the information available from Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), the Per Capita Income (PCI) of the different states measured in terms of Per Capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) at current prices for the year 2007-08 is given in the Annexure - I. Inter-state variations in per capita income are largely due to natural resource endowments, level of industrialization, differences in human capital indicators viz. education, health, differences in population level, etc. However, there is no uniform pattern that seems to be applicable to all the states. The estimates for intra-state disparity of PCI are not maintained centrally.

(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