

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF STATES .

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various States in the country have registered different annual growth rates during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the names of States which have registered lower than the national average rate of growth and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate/balanced growth of all the States in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The state-wise growth rates of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) during the last three years and the all India Gross Domestic product (GDP) annual growth rates are given in Annexure-I. The States registering the growth rate in GSDP lower than all India GDP annual growth rate are indicated in bold letters during the respective years. The annual growth rates of GSDP of States depend on a number of factors which include resource endowments, historical background of development, infrastructure and various other state specific factors.

(c): The Government have taken several measures to improve the growth performance across the country in a balanced manner. The policy instruments in this regard include plan and non-plan transfer of resources from 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 also been initiated to reduce income disparity between States. These include Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), Hill Area Development Programme/Western Ghats Development Programme, and Border Area Development Programme, etc. In addition, several centrally sponsored schemes and state specific schemes are being implemented which are expected to accelerate the growth rate of GSDP of various states.