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INCLUSIVE GROWTH
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is achieving inclusive growth with clear priorities;
- (b) if so, the progress made so far during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, sector-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : The Eleventh Five Year Plan adopted the strategy of inclusive growth to ensure that the benefits of growth reach all the sections of the society. To achieve the inclusive growth, 27 monitorable targets reflecting multi-dimensional and social objectives of inclusive growth were identified, 13 of which could be disaggregated at the level of individual States. The high rate of economic growth that India witnessed recently has enormously improved the economic fundamentals and that has helped the country to acquire the capacity to make a decisive impact on the quality of life of the masses, especially the poor and the marginalized. As per the Census 2011, the overall literacy rate in the country has increased from 64.83% in 2001 to 74.04% in 2011. The percentage of population below poverty line has declined from 45.3% in 1993-94 to 37.2% in 2004-05 and to 29.8% in 2009-10. The Infant Mortality Rate has come down from 66 per thousand live births in 2001 to 47 per thousand in 2010. The Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) was 424 per lakh live births in 1992-93 and has come down to 212 per lakh in 2007-09. Similarly the percentage of people using improved source of drinking water has increased from 68.2 % in 1992-93 to 91.4% in 2008-09. And the percentage of households without sanitation facilities has declined from 70% in 1992-93 to 49.2% in 2008-09.

The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) aimed at achieving an average annual growth rate of 9 % with targeted average annual growth rate of 4% in the agricultural sector, 10 to 11% in the industrial sector and 9 to 11% in the services sector. By taking into account the Advanced Estimates of National Income for the year 2011-12 released by Central Statistics Office (CSO), the services sector is expected to achieve growth rate of 9.9% which is well within the Eleventh Plan growth targets. However, there may be some shortfall in achieving the growth targets in agriculture & industrial sectors. The average growth rate for the Eleventh Plan is likely to be around 7.9 percent due to various internal and external factors like global economic slowdown, Euro- Zone Crisis, persistent inflationary pressure and drought like situation which prevailed in some parts of the country in 2008-09 and 2009-10.