

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Human Development Index has come down in some States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the reasons in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made by the Government to remedy the situation; and
- (e) the success achieved by the Government as a result thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): As per the India Human Development Report 2011 published by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR), a significant improvement in the value of Human Development Index (HDI) has been registered in all the States (except Delhi which shows a marginal decline) during 2007-08 as compared to 1999-2000. The details of State-wise HDI values for the years 1999-2000 and 2007-08 as computed by IAMR are at Annexure I.

The Government's strategy of achieving high growth rate, generating more employment opportunities and strengthening social infrastructure such as public health and education through implementation of flagship programmes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA) and poverty alleviation by providing wage and self-employment, safe drinking water and total sanitation campaign, etc. have impacted the human wellbeing positively and are expected to further improve States' HDI. There has been a considerable improvement in various indicators of the human development over the years. 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. The percentage of people using improved source of drinking water has increased from 68.2 % in 1992-93 to 91.4% in 2008-09. Similarly, the percentage of households without sanitation facilities has declined from 70% in 1992-93 to 49.2% in 2008-09.