

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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GAP IN GROWTH RATE  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is large gap in per capita income and annual growth rate among various States inspite of implementation of various central schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to remove the regional imbalance in the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the steps taken to reduce the gap in the per capita income and annual growth rate among various States?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The annual growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of States and per capita income depends on a number of factors including resource endowment, infrastructure, demographic features and other State specific factors. For the year 2010- 11, Goa has reported the highest per capita income (at constant 2004-05 prices) at Rs. 102844 and Bihar has the lowest per capita income at Rs. 13632, whereas annual growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at constant (2004-05) prices during the same year was highest for Bihar at 14.8% and lowest for the State of Nagaland at 4%. The details of state-wise annual growth rates of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and per capita income of the States at constant (2004-05) prices for the last three years are at Annexure I.

(c)&(d): The planning and development of an area is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government, on its part, supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various Special Area Programmes, Flagship Programmes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The specific scheme to remove the regional imbalance in development in the country is the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) which was launched in 2006-07 and was approved for implementation during the Eleventh Five Year Plan to fill the critical gaps in development in the identified backward districts/regions. The Approach Paper to the 12th Five Year Plan emphasizes on faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth. The inclusiveness being a multi-dimensional concept takes into account the inter State and inter sectoral variations. The Government has taken several measures to improve the growth performance across the country in a balanced manner and such policy instruments will continue in the 12th Five Year Plan to achieve the objective of inclusive growth.