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DEVELOPMENT GAP OF STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the States are lagging behind in development whereas some States are developing rapidly thereby creating a wide gap between the States and regions;
- (b) if so, the schemes Government is implementing to bring backward States at par with advanced States;
- (c) the extent the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) etc. are helping to improve the status of less developed States; and
- (d) the details of social indicators in which some of the States are lagging behind and steps the Ministry is planning to take to improve their position in coordination with nodal Ministries?

Answer

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

(a): The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth in different States varies across States and period. The State wise GSDP growth rate for the period from 2006-07 to 2010-11 is given at Annexure I. There are different and State specific reasons for the gap between developments of various States.

(b): There are several Schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) & Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) to address development gap between the States and between the different regions in States. These programmes are also helping the less developed States to improve their status. The Border Areas Development Funds aimed at creating infrastructure in the border districts spread across different States also complement the efforts of the State Governments and the Central Government in ensuring balanced economic development in the country.

(c): Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) is primarily meant for the backward regions/districts in different States. The release of Central funds on BRGF to States for last three years is given at Annexure-II.

(d): Different States are lagging behind their respective targets in one or the other social indicators based on available data sources. The 11th Plan target and present status based on available data for selected social indicators is given at Annexure-III. During the Working Group discussions for State Annual Plans, the progress made by the States in different areas mentioned above is discussed and the States/UTs are advised to make their best efforts towards achieving these targets.