

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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PER CAPITA GDP OF STATES  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether per capita Gross Domestic Production (GDP) of some States has been increasing steadily as compared to national average during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (c) whether there is no policy-wise and resultant co-relation between increase in per capita GDP and increase in per capita income in the same ratio and the decline in number of persons living below the poverty line;
- (d) if so, the State-wise factual details in this regard;
- (e) whether in the States where per capita GDP has been increasing steadily, the increase in per capita income and decline in poverty has not been in the same ratio; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. There has been a consistent increase in the real per capita income of all the States during the recent past. The details of state-wise real per capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) is at Annexure I.

(c) to (f): Increase in economic growth rate is expected to result in poverty reduction. The principal objective of Government in economic policy formulation is to reduce poverty and to achieve GDP growth relatable to this primary objective. The impact of steady increase in per capita income on poverty reduction will depend on various factors such as sectoral composition of the economy, distribution of income etc. In order to ensure that the benefits of economic growth are wide spread, the Government is implementing a number of Plan Schemes and Flagship Programmes. Due to these interventions, some of the States that have registered a comparatively lower rate of growth of per capita income have been able to experience significant reduction in the poverty. The details of the State-wise Average Growth Rate of NSDP during the period 2004-05 to 2009-10 and details of percentage of people living below poverty line for the years 2004-05 and 2009-10 are placed at Annexure II.

The Government remains fully committed to ensure balanced regional growth and reduction of poverty. The Approach Paper to the 12th Five Year Plan also emphasizes the need to build upon the achievements of the 11th Five Year Plan and strive for faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth.