

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FRUIT OF GROWTH TO SC/ST
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is ensuring that the fruits of growth also reach the needy and the deserving people like SC/ST expeditiously;
- (b) if so, the details of plans prepared by the Government in this regard during the Twelfth Five Year Plan especially for the SC/ST people; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Development and empowerment of socially disadvantaged groups and bringing them at par with the rest of the society is the Constitutional commitment. To transform this Constitutional commitment into reality, inclusive growth is envisaged through implementation of various development programmes for SCs and STs through a three pronged strategy i.e. 1) Social Empowerment mainly through educational development 2) Economic Empowerment – through employment and income generation and poverty alleviation programmes and 3) Social Justice – through effective implementation of the existing legislations. All out efforts are made to ensure that the benefits of growth is widely spread to all sections of the society including SCs and STs. Efforts are also being made to make growth more inclusive so that it spreads across the major cities, villages and small towns.

(b) & (c): The Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) is in the process of finalization.