GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PLANNING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3749 ANSWERED ON:20.03.2013 GROWTH RATE OF STATES Das Shri Khagen

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the acronym 'Bimaru' has outlived its relevance in the light of growth registered by some of the Bimaru States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of growth recorded by the States in the country with regard to 29 socio economic indicators since 2000, year-wise, State-wise and indicator-wise;
- (c) if not, whether some of the developed States have registered a slump in their growth; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during the above period, State-wise and indicator-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (d): The acronym "BIMARU", first used by a noted demographer Shri Ashish Bose in 1985, referred to the undivided States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh for their backwardness due to high population growth and low economic growth. These States have shown strong growth performance in recent years. However, despite impressive growth rates, these States have continued to remain at the bottom of the distribution in terms of performance on human development indicators. The details of the state-wise growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at constant price is given at Annexure I. The state- wise present status of the important socio-economic indicators is given at Annexure II. The developed States have also shown varying growth rates in different years due to State- specific reasons.