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DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN NORTH EAST

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the national average of net State domestic product data for the country during the last three years, and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) the net State domestic product data for the seven sister States of north-east during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the disparity between the national figures and that of north-east has widened during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government is taking necessary steps to bring the north-eastern States at par with the national average; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): As per Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), the Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) for the country at 1999-00 prices for the last three years i.e. 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 is Rs. 25,54,712 crores, Rs. 27,79,648 crores and Rs. 29,57,698 crores respectively.

(b) to (d): The data on Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) at 1999-00 prices and details of percentage growth over previous year for seven sister States of north-east during the last three years is at Annexure-I. The disparity between the national figures and that of north-east is largely due to historical difference in initial conditions, natural resource endowments, level of industrialization and differences in human capital indicators viz. education, health etc.

(e) & (f): The Government has been taking several measures to improve the growth rate across the country in a balanced manner. The policy instruments in this regard include plan and non-plan transfer of resources from the Centre to States favouring less developed States, tax incentives for setting up of private industries in the backward regions. There is a 10% mandatory earmarking of funds for the development of north-eastern States. A number of programmes have been initiated to reduce income disparity between States. These include Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), Hill Area Development Programme and Border Area Development Programme, etc.

Annexure-I

Statement: Net State Domestic Product of North-East States at 1999-2000 Prices

Sl.No. States (Rupee in Crores) (% Growth over previous year)
2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

1	Arunachal Pradesh	2366	2452	NA	12.51	3.63	NA
2	Assam	43782	46433	49226	6.52	6.05	6.02
3	Manipur	3839	4104	4408	3.93	6.90	7.41
4	Meghalaya	4800	5060	NA	5.54	5.42	NA
5	Mizoram	1967	2073	2205	5.87	5.39	6.37
6	Nagaland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
7	Tripura	7889	NA	NA	8.11	NA	NA
	All-India NDP (99-00 base)	2554712	2779648	2957698	9.71	8.80	6.41

Source: Central Statistical Organisation (CSO).