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GDP AND METROPOLITAN CITIES

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Government has taken note of a global study conducted by the Brookings Institutions Global Metro Monitor which states that the growth of metropolitan cities has a direct link to the growth of Gross Domestic Product(GDP) and employment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the growth rate of Delhi among the metropolitan economies has slipped to 18th position in 2013-14 from 7th in the previous year;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps/measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance the Growth Rate of metropolitan cities including Delhi?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) and (b): According to the Global MetroMonitor 2014, brought out by the Brookings Institution in January 2015, economic activity and growth remained disproportionately concentrated in the worlds major metropolitan areas. In the top 300 metropolitan areas in 2014, GDP per capita grew by 1.3 per cent and employment grew at 1.5 per cent.

(c)and (d): The Global MetroMonitor ranks the economic performance of 300 metro areas on the basis of an index. In terms of the index, Delhi has moved from the 7th position in 2012-13 to the 18th position in 2013-14 due to faster growth of GDP per capita and employment of some other metropolitan economies.

(e) Several initiatives have been taken to address infrastructure constraints and improve transport network in major metropolitan cities including Delhi such as Metro Rail, Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM), Urban Infrastructure Development in satellite towns around seven mega cities (UIDSST) etc. Besides, the government has prepared a Master Plan-2021 for holistic development of Delhi.