

Non-special category States

3938. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 17 Non-special category States only Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand crossed the target growth rate of State Domestic Product and all other States remained far below the target, the reasons for this large scale failure;

(b) whether it is not going to widen regional economic imbalances if this trend is not contained; and

(c) the steps initiated by Government in Eleventh Plan to reduce regional economic imbalance and ensure uniform growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) envisaged an annual average growth rate of 9 percent in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to be achieved during the plan period. The GDP growth target was disaggregated to State specific Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth targets. The Eleventh Plan growth target along with achievement during first four years of the plan for 17 non-special category States are given in Statement (See below). The States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have realised growth rate higher than the target. Other States have experienced lower growth *vis a vis* the target which can be attributed to global economic crisis, low growth in agriculture caused by bad monsoon, among others.

The hitherto low performing States such as Bihar, Orissa and Chhattisgarh have started growing faster than the national average and the State of Uttar Pradesh has achieved much higher than the target growth rate. This trend reflects gradual movement towards convergence in economic attainment across States and reduction in economic disparities.

(c) Reduction of inter-state disparities has always been the priority of development policy. The policy instruments for minimising the inter State disparity 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, etc. A number of programmes have also been initiated to reduce income disparity between States. These include Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF,

which includes the district component covering 250 backward districts, special plan for Bihar and the KBK districts of Orissa, the Integrated Action Plan for 60 tribal and backward districts and the drought mitigation package for Bundelkhand), Hill Area Development Programme/Western Ghats Development Programme and Border Area Development Programme, etc. In addition, several ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State specific schemes during the Eleventh Plan are expected to accelerate the growth rate of GSDP of various States.

Statement

Growth target and achievement of GDP by Non-special category States

Growth Rate			
Sl. No.	State/UT	Eleventh Five Year Plan Target	Achievement in First Four Years (2007-08 to 2010-11)
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	9.50	8.02
2	Bihar	7.60	11.44
3	Chhattisgarh	8.60	9.71
4	Goa *	12.10	9.37
5	Gujarat *	11.20	9.40
6	Haryana	11.00	9.35
7	Jharkhand	9.80	7.44
8	Karnataka	11.20	7.62
9	Kerala *	11.20	8.57
10	Madhya Pradesh *	6.70	5.25
11	Maharashtra	9.10	9.42
12	Orissa	8.80	8.65
13	Punjab	5.90	7.50

1	2	3	4
14	Rajasthan	7.40	6.56
15	Tamil Nadu	8.50	8.05
16	Uttar Pradesh	6.10	7.28
17	West Bengal *	9.70	7.04
All-India GDP(2004-05 base)		9.00	8.15

Notes:

1. Growth target and achievement are annual averages.
 2. The achieved growth rates are estimated at constant (2004-05) prices.
- * Achieved growth rate of three years from 2007-08 to 2009-10.

Source: Central Statistics Office as on 02-08-2011.

Plan formulation and review from 2011-12

3939. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme "50th Year Initiative for Planning" envisaged for one year 2000-01 ran for a decade till it was replaced with a new scheme for "Plan Formulation and Review from 2011-12";

(b) if so, whether the austerity aspect was overlooked by stretching "initially one-year scheme" scope being expanded from time-to-time; and

(c) the budgetary allocation for this scheme for the year 2000-01, and the budgetary allocations for 2010-11, before it was replaced for the year 2011-12?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) A Central Sector Plan Scheme titled "50th Year Initiative for Planning" was initiated by the Planning Commission in the year 2000-01. The scheme was initially approved for the last two years of the Ninth Five Year Plan i.e 2000-01 and 2001-02. Subsequently, the scheme including enhancement of its scope, was approved for its continuance from Ninth to Tenth Plan. Keeping in view the need for continuing the activities covered under the scheme, it was approved for its further continuance in the Eleventh Five year Plan. However, the Scheme was discontinued on 31.3.2011 when a new Scheme titled "Plan Formulation, Appraisal and Review" was introduced from 1.4.2011.