

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):
(a) to (d) In pursuance to the announcement made by the President of India in both Houses of Parliament on 04.06.2009 for making slum free India, the Government has decided to launch a new scheme called Rajiv Awas Yojana for slum dwellers and the urban poor. The modalities including financial requirement are being worked out by the Ministry of Housing and Poverty Alleviation in consultation with the different stakeholders and partners. In the meantime a scheme of preparatory activities of the Scheme have been approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee with a budget provision of Rs. 120 crore.

Per capita income in India

†813. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the per capita income in the country during financial year 2008-09 has been estimated at 40,141 rupees;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and whether it is also a fact that this income has increased by 13.3 per cent in comparison to the last year's income;

(c) if not, the facts thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the annual growth rate of agriculture sector, on which more than 50 per cent of the population depends for income has remained at only 2.6 per cent; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof and whether it is a fact that the present state of development is increasing imbalance in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):
(a) to (c) Yes Sir. The per capita income at current prices in the country during the financial year 2008-09 is estimated at Rs. 40,141 as against Rs. 35,430 during 2007-08, showing an increase of 13.3 percent.

(d) and (e) The annual growth rate of agriculture for the year 2008-09 is estimated at 1.6% (at 2004-05 prices). The state of development shows that there has been a significant improvement in the growth rate across the country in a balanced manner. The annual growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at factor cost (at 1999-00 prices) in some of the low performing states like Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, etc. have shown an improvement for last three years.

Economic Reform Policy

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SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.