

Growth rate target

1595. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eleventh Five Year Plan have fixed their target to achieve the 10 per cent growth rate during the term 2007-12;

(b) if so, whether present rate of growth is as per fixed targets and will achieve 10 per cent by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to achieve the growth rate target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) to (c) The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) aims at achieving an average annual growth rate of 9 % by gradually improving from 8.5% in the first year of the plan to 10% by the end of the plan period. During the first year of the Plan (2007-08), the growth rate was well on the mark and estimated at 9%. However, there has been a deceleration in the growth rate on account of global slowdown during 2008-09 and negative growth rate in the agriculture sector due to drought like situation during 2009-10. The GDP growth rate for 2008-09 is estimated at 6.7%.

The three successive fiscal stimulus packages announced by the Government coupled with active monetary policy support have led to a quick recovery of the economy. The policy instruments in this regard include increase in borrowing limits of State Governments by 100 basis points, tax relief to boost demand and increase in expenditure on public projects to create employment opportunities and public assets, debt relief measures to farmers and increased public expenditure on programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and rural infrastructure. The first quarter of 2009-10 itself indicated the signs of the recovery of the economy with a growth rate of 6.1 % as compared to 5 .8% during the last quarter of 2008-09. It is expected that during 2009-10, the growth rate of 7.2% will be achieved.

Unspent funds under SJSRY

1596. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) remained unspent in various States including Maharashtra during the years 2008-09 and 2009-2010;

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

(c) whether SJSRY has since been revamped during the current financial year in Maharashtra;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to monitor the implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), as per the norms, States/UTs have to utilize the Central funds released to them in a particular year, within one year from the end of the year in which funds have been released. Thus upto the year 2009-10, all Central funds released upto the year 2007-08, (cumulatively), should have been utilized by the States/UTs. As per the Utilization Certificates (UCs) received from the States/UTs, an amount of Rs. 25.66 crore is still lying unutilized in 13 States/UTs. In case of Maharashtra, no utilization certificates are pending and the entire allocation for 2009-10 has been released to it in the current year.

(c) and (d) On the basis of an evaluation study conducted by the Ministry, as well as feed back received from various stakeholders, the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been comprehensively revamped and is effective in all States/UTs including Maharashtra, since 1st April, 2009. The revamped Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has following five components:-

- (1) Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP)
- (2) Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP)
- (3) Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP)
- (4) Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP)
- (5) Urban Community Development Network (UCDN)

(e) The revamped Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is being monitored through revised formats of Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs) and also through various review meetings at the level of Joint Secretary/Secretary, in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.

Floor Area Ratio of Motels

1597. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations from Hotel and Motel Association of Delhi to increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of motel in and around Delhi to meet the requirement of rooms for Commonwealth Games 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and