

Gross domestic product in country

‡3273. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that schemes are being implemented with fixed target of increasing the rate of annual gross domestic product in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in a populated country like India, providing employment to the largest number of people is more important than GDP growth; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

(a) to (d) The Eleventh Five Year Plan recognizes the need to achieve the inclusive growth. It has been acknowledged that a key feature of the inclusive growth strategy should not be treated as an end in itself but only as a means to an end. Accordingly, the Eleventh Five Year Plan has adopted 27 monitorable targets to reflect the multi-dimensional economic and social objectives of inclusive growth. India being a populated country, generation of new employment opportunities has been the critical component of strategy of development planning. The Eleventh Five Year Plan which envisaged average Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 9% per year also set the targets of generation of 58 million new work opportunities, reduction of unemployment among the educated to less than 5%, reduction in the head-count ratio of consumption poverty by 10 percentage points and 20% rise in the real wage rate of unskilled workers. The implementation of various flagship programmes is in line with the above national objectives of achieving a high growth rate which is inclusive.

Unique identification number and card

3274. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working to provide a Unique Identification number and cards to every citizen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had made any appraisal about the progress of this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the distribution of these UID would begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

(a) and (b) The mandate of the Unique Identification Authority

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