

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Barley	136.6	152.9	150.6	161.7	11.9	-1.5	7.4
Ragi	123.4	134.9	174.7	173.3	9.4	29.5	-0.8
Pulses	144.9	155.8	190.8	198.1	7.5	22.4	3.8
Gram	149.0	153.8	152.2	148.3	3.2	-1.1	-2.5
Arhar	126.1	144.3	214.7	205.6	14.4	48.8	-4.2
Moong	141.2	150.4	233.8	288.6	6.5	55.4	23.5
Masur	145.7	196.2	228.2	198.0	34.6	16.3	-13.2
Urad	159.8	159.8	228.4	276.1	0.0	43.0	20.9

Source: Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

#### Annual growth rate in Bihar

†1619. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual growth rate in Bihar during 2010-11 is estimated to be 10.49 percent;

(b) if not, the facts thereof and whether it is also a fact that the annual growth rate of this State is much more in comparison to the annual growth rate of the country; and

(c) if so, the difference between both the annual growth rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) The growth rate of Bihar for 2010-11 has not been estimated so far. However, the estimated annual GSDP growth of Bihar at constant (2004-05) prices was 8.56% in 2009-10 against the all India GSDP growth of 7.96%. The difference between both the growth rates is 0.6%.

#### Bihar out of Bimaru States

†1620. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bihar State is coming out of the category of Bimaru States;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that it has become the foremost necessity to encourage the private sector investment in Bihar;
- (d) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and
- (e) whether Government will consider the demand of the State Government of Bihar to give special status to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The State of Bihar has achieved the GSDP growth of 8.56 % in 2009-10 over the previous year against the all India GSDP growth of 7.96% at 2004-05 prices over the previous year. However, the total poverty head count ratio of Bihar in 2004-05 is one of the highest putting it among the list of the most poor States in the country.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, Private sector investment in Bihar is necessary for the development of its industry and physical and social infrastructure. The States including Bihar are being advised by the Planning Commission to increase private sector investment in the State. The State Government of Bihar can make use of the policy instruments and support mechanisms being provided by the Central Government in this regard.

(e) Decision on the request of the Government of Bihar to give special status to the State has not been yet taken.

**Salient features of unique identification number**

1621. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any revision in the financial allocation made to Unique Identification Authority if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the salient features of Unique Identification Number;
- (c) the time-frame to complete the project; and
- (d) whether it would be made compulsory at the time of opening new Bank account, to obtain PAN to obtain passport and while renewing passport etc.?