

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:203  
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2005  
GDP GROWTH RATE  
Gandhi Smt. Maneka

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any target for the annual growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has been fixed for the current five year plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage increase in the annual growth rate required in agriculture, industry and service sectors to achieve the target;
- (d) whether any schemes have been formulated to achieve the envisaged growth rate in each of these sectors; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the additional funds required to implement the schemes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.203 REGARDING GDP GROWTH RATE BY SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI, DUE FOR ANSWER ON 7-12-2005

(a) to (c): The targeted growth rate for the Tenth Plan (measured in terms of GDP at market prices) was 8.1% per annum. The growth rate for the first three years of the Tenth Five Year Plan is estimated to be 6.5% as per the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan. The Tenth Five Year Plan had targeted to achieve a growth rate of 4.0%, 8.9% and 9.3% for agriculture, industry and services sector respectively. The achievement in the first three years of the Plan works out to 1%, 7% and 8.6% per annum respectively for these three sectors. This would imply that in order to achieve the original targets of the Tenth Five Year Plan, the average annual rate of growth of these sectors would have to be 8.5%, 11.7% and 10.3% respectively for agriculture, industry and services sector in the last two years of the Plan.

(d) & (e): The growth rates of the economy and of the broad sectors are the outcome of a complex process involving a large number of factors. It is not possible to formulate any scheme or programme which can necessarily ensure the achievement of the envisaged growth rates. In the Tenth Plan (2002-2007), a number of schemes and programmes have been formulated for the purpose of enhancing the growth and development of the economy. Some of these schemes and programmes are directly growth augmenting, but there are many others, particularly in the social sector, that may not directly raise the growth rate, but have an impact on human welfare and sustainability of the growth process. The Schemes and Programmes formulated for raising the rate of growth and development have been listed in the Tenth Plan Document and the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007), which have been placed in the Parliament Library. The funds requirement for these schemes and programmes are reflected in the Annual Plans and the Union Budget. These can change from time to time, depending upon the situation and the pace of implementation.