

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GROWTH RATE TARGET IN TENTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an average 7-8% growth during the Tenth Plan period ending 2007 is likely to be achieved;
- (b) if not, the measures contemplated to achieve this target;
- (c) whether the objective of policy measures undertaken and institutional changes envisaged in the Tenth Plan has been achieved;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage public investment in rural infrastructure and social sector and the progress made as a result of it?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007), the growth rate during the Tenth Plan ending 2007 is expected to be 7%. The measures for raising the growth rate in the last two years of the Tenth Plan are given in the Mid-Term Appraisal document that has been placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) & (d): An appraisal of the objective of policy measure undertaken and institutional changes envisaged in the Tenth Plan was undertaken in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, which is available in the Parliament Library.

(e): Government has announced various programmes to encourage public investment in rural infrastructure and social sector. These include Bharat Nirman, a programme conceived as a business plan to be implemented over a period of four years, for building rural infrastructure. It has six components, i.e. irrigation, roads, water supply, rural electrification, housing and rural telecom connectivity. The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana implemented by Panchayati Raj Institutions seeks to create durable community assets in rural areas. The National Food for Work Programme implemented in 150 backward districts also creates rural infrastructure. For Health, the National Rural Health Mission was launched in April 2005 for a seven year period upto 2012. The Mission has identified 18 States for Special attention that have weak public health indicators and / or weak health infrastructure. For education, the scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is the principal programme for achieving the goals of universalisation of elementary education through a time-bound integrated approach in partnership with the States.