

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:389
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DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES IN BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government periodically evaluates the progress in industrialisation in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has appointed any agency to evaluate industrialisation in the country, particularly in Bihar;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether any target fixed by the Government for industrialisation, especially in the backward areas has been achieved;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether any review of the Growth Centre Scheme has been done by the Government; and
- (g) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a): Yes, Sir. The progress of various sectors of the economy, including industry is constantly monitored.

(b) & (c): No, Sir.

(d) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (d) to (g) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.389 for answer on December 20, 2005 regarding development of industries in backward areas.

(d) & (e): Government has fixed a target of 10% for the growth of industrial sector in the Tenth Plan for the country. However, no specific target has been fixed for the backward areas. Targets and achievements for the country as well as of Bihar are annexed.

(f) & (g): An evaluation of the Growth Centre Scheme was undertaken by the Planning Commission based on a sample of 17 growth centres out of 71 sanctioned so far. The findings of the study tend to suggest that the Scheme has failed to achieve its objectives except in few isolated cases.

Since the Planning Commission study was only a sample study, the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion has recently initiated a comprehensive study of all the Growth Centres through National Productivity Council in order to arrive at a final conclusion regarding the continuation of the Scheme.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (d) and (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.389 for answer on December 20, 2005 regarding development of industries in backward areas.

Target for Growth of Industrial Sector under 10th Plan

Tenth Plan (2002-2007) target for: Target in percentage

All India : 10

Bihar : 6

Growth Rate of Industrial Sector: All India and Bihar

Year Percentage of Industrial Growth

All India Bihar

2000-2001	: 6.5	2.02
2001-2002	: 3.4	(-) 10.1
2002-2003	: 6.8	4.8
2003-2004	: 6.6	3.7
2004-2005	: 7.7	5.0

NB: Industry includes Mining & Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity, Gas & Water Supply and Construction.