

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3044
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BILLIONAIRES IN COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of billionaires in terms of dollar has gone up to 36;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the total wealth under the possession of these billionaires constitutes one fifth of the gross national income;
- (d) if not, the facts in this regard; and
- (e) the average increase in the number of such persons per annum during the last one decade?

Answer

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

- (a): The income tax department collects the annual income of tax assesseees. Data on value of wealth or assets is not available.
- (b) to (e): In view above, do not arise.