

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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GDP GROWTH RATE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth rate in Gross Domestic Product is likely to decline from 8.5 per cent to 6.9 per cent; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) As per the advance estimates of national income released by the Central Statistical Organisation, growth in real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2004-05 is estimated at 6.9 per cent which is over and above the 8.5 per cent growth in 2003-04. The main reason for the lower estimated growth in 2004-05 compared to the previous year is the estimated low growth in agriculture and allied sector of 1.1 per cent following lower kharif output, compared to 9.6 per cent in 2003-04.