GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2073
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022

FALL IN GDP IN 2020

2073. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fall in GDP during 2020 was highest for the country among all G20 countries;

(b) if so, what could have been done better to keep the country at par with the other G20 countries and why was it not done;

(c) the details of the methodology of calculating the GDP and all the parameters which are considered;

(d) whether the condition of the unorganised sector is considered in calculating the GDP figures; and

(e) if so, the details of the methodology followed to incorporate the impact of the informal sector in GDP calculations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): No Sir. As per World Economic Outlook, October 2021, released by International Monetary Fund (IMF), the fall in GDP during 2020 was not highest for India among all G20 countries. The Real GDP Growth of the G20 countries for the year 2020 is given in annexure I.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): GDP under 2011-12 series is compiled in compliance with the System of National Accounts (SNA) 2008 which is the latest standard recommended by United Nations for this purpose. As per SNA recommendation, GDP is compiled from three approaches namely, Production approach, Expenditure approach and Income approach. Production approach is treated as firmer approach. The detailed GDP compilation methodology document namely, 'Changes in Methodology and Data Sources in the New Series of National Accounts, Base Year 2011-12' is available on the website of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, in public

domain. This may be accessed through the web link https://www.mospi.gov.in/documents/213904/301563//Changes_in_Methodology_NS_2011-12_June_20151602083659578.pdf

(d) & (e): Yes Sir. Unorganised/Informal Sector estimates of the National Accounts are compiled by benchmark estimation procedure method in which Base Year estimates of informal sector are moved with certain appropriate indicators of formal sectors. To the extent possible, due care was taken while accounting informal sector contribution to the economy by applying various factors to account for pandemic effect.

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Annexure I

Statement attached to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2073 on 'FALL IN GDP IN 2020' to be answered on 21.03.2022.

Real GDP Growth (percentage change) for the year 2020 of G20 countries.

S. No.	G20 Countries	Real GDP Growth (In %)
1.	Argentina	-9.9
2.	Australia	-2.4
3.	Brazil	-4.1
4.	Canada	-5.3
5.	China	2.3
6.	France	-8.0
7.	Germany	-4.6
8.	India*	-7.3
9.	Indonesia	-2.1
10.	Italy	-8.9
11.	Japan	-4.6
12.	Korea	-0.9
13.	Mexico	-8.3
14.	Russia	-3.0
15.	Saudi Arabia	-4.1
16.	South Africa	-6.4
17.	Turkey	1.8
18.	United Kingdom	-9.8
19.	United States	-3.4
20.	European Union	-5.9

* Estimate corresponds to year 2020-21published in Press Note on Provisional Estimates of Annual National Income 2020-21 and Quarterly Estimates of Gross Domestic Product for the Fourth Quarter (Q4) of 2020-21. This has been revised to -6.6% in Press Note on First Revised Estimates of National Income, Consumption Expenditure, Saving and Capital Formation For 2020-21.

Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook, October 2021.