

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *74
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

GDP DATA QUALITY

***74. SHRI ANAND BHADAURIA:**

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

(a) whether the Government has released various data including data for Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on a quarterly basis and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has downgraded the data quality for GDP data for the 2nd quarter of Financial Year 2025-26 released by the Government from the Grade 'B' to the Grade 'C' category;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons cited by the IMF; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to maintain the purity and sanctity of the released national data?

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 CULTURE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *74 FOR 4TH FEBRUARY, 2026 BY SHRI ANAND BHADAURIA REGARDING GDP DATA QUALITY.

(a): Yes Sir. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) releases annual as well as quarterly estimates of National Accounts Statistics as per Advance Release Calendar (ARC). Accordingly, the First Advance Estimates (FAE) of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the Financial Year (FY) 2025-26 was released on 7th January, 2026 and Quarterly Estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the July-September Quarter (Q2) of Financial Year (FY) 2025-26 was released on 28th November, 2025.

(b) & (c): IMF has included Data Adequacy Assessment Framework as part of its annual review of economies under Article IV consultation in 2024. The framework is meant to review the aspects related to coverage, granularity and frequency & timeliness in compilation of GDP. In both years of assessment i.e. 2024 & 2025, the IMF has placed GDP under 'C' due to outdated base year which is 2011-12. However, Ministry has decided to update the base year from 2011-12 to 2022-23.

(d): Compilation of National Accounts Statistics is done, to the possible extent, as per System of National Accounts (SNA) 2008, which is internationally accepted set of recommendations endorsed by United Nations Statistical Commission. Moreover, National Accounts Statistics also adheres to Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) standards of IMF since 2001. SDDS ensure that the statistics compiles with its four key aspects i.e. Coverage, Periodicity, Timeliness; Access by public; Integrity of the disseminated data and Quality of the disseminated data. In addition to this, the compilation framework is finalized under the Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics, which comprises of experts from Academia, Central and State Government, RBI etc.
