

- (a) the growth rate of services, manufacturing, mining and agriculture sectors during 2014-15 and 2015-16;
- (b) the reasons responsible for lower growth rate in services, manufacturing mining and agriculture sector; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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(a) The growth rates of Gross Value Added (GVA) at constant (2011-12) basic prices for services, manufacturing, mining & quarrying and agriculture & allied sectors during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given below:

<b>Table 1: Growth rate of GVA at constant (2011-12) basic prices (per cent)</b>		
<b>Sectors</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16 (PE)</b>
Services	10.3	8.9
Manufacturing	5.5	9.3
Mining & quarrying	10.8	7.4
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	-0.2	1.2
<i>Source: Central Statistics Office, PE: Provisional Estimates</i>		

(b) While the growth in manufacturing in 2015-16 was distinctly higher than that in 2014-15, the growth in agriculture & allied sectors improved, albeit modestly, during 2015-16, despite the second consecutive year of sub-normal monsoon. Major reasons for the moderation in growth rates in services, *inter-alia*, include: decline in the growth of transport, storage, communication and broadcasting services; decline in the growth of public administration, defence and other services, partly due to fiscal consolidation; and, the slow growth in world output and external trade. In the case of mining & quarrying, the growth in 2015-16 was lower, partly due to the high base effect created by the elevated growth in 2014-15. The growth rate of the mining & quarrying sector was still high at 7.4 per cent in 2015-16.

(c) Steps have been taken by the Government to strengthen service sector activities which, *inter-alia*, include: policy initiatives like Start-up India, Digital India, Skill India, Smart Cities and comprehensive FDI reforms from which various service sector activities will receive impetus; identification of thrust areas under the 'Make in India' programme from certain services; and, stress laid on social services like health and education. Mining activities are likely to get a boost from; the system of e-auction of coal mines being successfully implemented by the Government to bring about transparency in the allocation of coal mines; and, setting up of the skilling council for mining sector.

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