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FICCI comments on 2013-14 GDP Q 3, 2013 numbers

New Delhi, 28 February 2014: *“The GDP growth figure for the third quarter disappoints and adds to concerns on achieving the full year target of 4.9% as brought out by the CSO earlier”* said **Mr. Sidharth Birla, President, FICCI.**

The performance of the agriculture sector has not picked up as expected in this quarter and the manufacturing sector has shown a sharp slippage with growth being a negative 1.9%. The only support we see is coming from financing, insurance, real estate and business services segments that grew by 12.5%.

Looking at the data from the expenditure side, we see that while gross fixed capital formation has shrunk by 1.1%, private final consumption expenditure has registered a growth of just about 2.5%.

“These numbers indicate that the slowdown is entrenched in the economy and we may have to wait to see if lack of growth has really bottomed out. This prolonged slowdown in growth will have serious implications for employment generation and unless the trajectory is reversed soon we could face grave social challenges” **added Mr. Birla.**

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