

India won't miss nominal GDP target for FY23: Debroy

'Will become upper middle income nation with 7-7.5% growth'

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Bibek Debroy, chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), said the country will achieve 11.1 per cent nominal economic growth rate assumed in the Budget despite the tense geopolitical situation.

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ing countries," Debroy told reporters on the sidelines of the release of a report, titled 'Competitiveness Roadmap For India@100'. Recalling that he had called the Budget conservative in terms of its growth assumptions, he said, "It could have been a tad higher," he said.

The Budget assumed the economy to grow to ₹258 tril-

lion in nominal terms during 2022-23, against ₹232 trillion in the previous year. Most experts had called it a conservative assumption.

In fact, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had expected the economy to grow by 13.9 per cent during the current fiscal year.

The GDP data for the first

quarter of the year is slated to be released on Wednesday. Most experts expect the economy to have grown by 12.5-15 per cent in real terms during the quarter, lower than MPC's projection of 16.2 per cent.

Debroy said the Indian economy's size will touch little less than \$20 trillion by 2047 even if one assumes a conservative annual average real GDP growth rate of 7-7.5 per cent in the next 25 years. In such a case, the country's annual per capita income will be about \$10,000.

That way, India will become an upper middle income country when it celebrates its 100th year of independence, even on the assumption of conservative economic growth rates, he said.