

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had accorded priority to agriculture and rural development during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details of targets fixed in these two sectors during the Ninth Plan; and
- (c) the extent to which agriculture generated adequate production, employment and rural development succeeded in eradication of poverty in the country in general and Gujarat in particular during the first three years of the plan period ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) Yes sir

(b) The details of targets fixed in Agriculture for the Ninth Five Year Plan are given in Annexure – I. Targets were not fixed for all the schemes of Rural Development Sector. However, achievement of the last three years for a few important schemes is given in Annexure- I-A.

(c) The production in Agriculture Sector during the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan is given in Annexure – II. The extent to which agriculture generated employment has not been assessed.

No specific study has been done to measure the impact of Rural Development Programmes in eradication of poverty in the country in general and Gujarat in particular during the first three years of the Ninth Plan. However, the Government has adopted a three pronged strategy comprising of

- (i) accelerated economic growth with a focus on sectors which are employment intensive,
- (ii) human and social development through provision of basic minimum services, and
- (iii) targeted anti-poverty programmes for reducing poverty. The major anti-poverty programmes are Swarna Jayanti Gramin Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY, formerly the IRDP), Jawahar Gram Smridhi Yojana (JGSY, old JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Indira Awas Yojana (IAY).

**ANNEXURE-I**

**Targets of production of Agricultural commodities the Ninth Plan.**

Item      Target Production  
(Million tonnes)

**1. Agricultural Crops**

(a) Foodgrains    234.00

(i) Rice          99.00

(ii) Wheat        83.00

(iii) Coarse Cereals    35.50

(iv) Pulses        16.50

(b) Oilseeds 30.00

(c) Sugarcane 336.00

(d) Fruits & Vegetables 179.00

(e) Other Agricultural Products of which

(i) Cotton 15.70 (million bales)

(ii) Tea 1000.00 (million kg.)

(iii) Coffee 300.00 (million kg.)

(iv) Spices 3.36

(v) Rubber 0.83

## 2. Livestock

(a) Milk Group 96.49

(b) Meat & Poultry Group

(c) Other Livestock products

## 3. Fishery 7.04

### Annexure-I A

`Physical Performance under major rural development programmes for 1997-98, 1998-99`  
and 1999-2000

#### All India

S.	No	Programmes	Unit	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Target	Ach.	% Ach.	Target	Ach.	% Ach.	Target	Ach.	period
1	JRY/JGSY+	Lakh	mandays	3867.00	3958.00	102.35	3966.57	3752.10	94.59	-	1711.11	upto 12/99			
2	EAS	Lakh	Mandays	4717.74	-	-	4165.31	-	4089.50	2024.75	upto 12/99				
3	IRDP/SGSY#	Lakh	Families/ Self Help Groups												
			assisted	17.07	-	-	16.64	-	2.08	upto 12/99					
4	IAY	Lakh	Houses	7.18	7.71	107.38	9.87	8.3	84.60	12.72	6.56	upto 12/99			

+ JRY has been restructured as JGSY wef 1999-2000

` # SGSY w.e.f. 1999-2000 by merging IRDP and its allied programmes like TRYSEM, DWCRA, SITRA and GKY; and MWS` & Self Help Groups assisted w.e.f.19992000

(Source: Ministry of Rural Development)

Production in Agriculture Sector during the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Crops	Units	All India			Gujarat		
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1. Foodgrains	Million Tonnes	192.26	203.04	205.91+	5.71	5.57	N.A.
(a) Rice	-do-	82.53	85.99	88.28	1.04	1.02	N.A.
(b) Wheat	-do-	66.35	70.78	74.25	1.65	1.70	N.A.
(c) Coarse Cereals	-do-	30.40	31.46	30.35	2.41	2.21	N.A.
(d) Total Pulses	-do-	12.98	14.81	13.06	0.61	0.63	N.A.
2. Nine Oilseeds	-do-	21.32	25.21	21.18	3.83	3.88	N.A.
3. Sugarcane	-do-	279.54	295.73	309.31	11.84	13.57	N.A.
4. Cotton	-do-	10.85	12.18	11.99	3.18	3.94	N.A.
5. Fruits and Vegetables	-do-	112.88	122.00	N.A.	4.07	N.A.	N.A.
6. Spices	-do-	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
7 Tea	Million Kg.	838	850	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
8. Coffee	Lakh Tonne.	2.28	2.65	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
9. Rubber	-do-	5.89	6.05	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
10. Milk	-do-	706.00+	747.00@	N.A.	49.13+	N.A.	N.A.
11. Eggs	Million NO.	28549+	30150 @	N.A.	48.85+	N.A.	N.A.
12. Wool	Million Kg.	44.7+	45.5@	N.A.	2.6+	N.A.	N.A.
12. Fish	Lakh tonne	53.88	52.62+	N.A.	8.16	6.30 +	N.A.

+ Provisional

@ Anticipated

N.A. Not Available