GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:226 ANSWERED ON:20.10.2008 GROWTH OF FARM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth in the farm sector has been uneven in different States/Union Territories (UTs) over the years in spite of the best of efforts made by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the strategy adopted to rectify the uneven growth; and
- (c) the details of the initiatives being taken to ensure sustainable growth to meet the burgeoning requirement of the country in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The growth rate in agriculture in different States and Union Territories (UTs) during the last three years i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is given below:-

GROSS STATE DOMESTIC PRODUCT (Agriculture) AT CONSTANT PRICES %age Growth Rate

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Sl.No. State/UT 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
1. Andhra Pradesh 5.42 8.65 3.82
2. Arunachal Pradesh -3.48 2.15 10.75
3. Assam 6.09 3.55 3.40
4. Bihar 14.90 -12.53 27.94
5. Jharkhand 18.59 -29.02 2.27
6. Goa 1.85 -2.04 NA
7 Gujarat -7.24 22.89 -0.43
8. Haryana 3.46 -1.90 9.73
9. Himachal Pradesh 6.52 1.28 -4.18
10. J & K 1.32 0.53 NA
11. Karnataka 17.98 6.02 0.06 12. Kerala 7.35 6.62 5.90
13. Madhya Pradesh -4.71 4.17 2.80
14. Chattisgarh -6.41 28.96 NA
15. Maharashtra -6.10 9.08 9.09
16. Manipur 10.82 2.26 3.80
17. Meghalaya 5.98 5.33 4.86
18. Mizoram 4.17 3.69 3.09
19. Nagaland 8.79 4.14 NA
20. Orissa 3.98 3.20 1.28
21. Punjab 2.30 1.58 4.00
22. Rajasthan -14.65 -2.98 10.01
23. Sikkim 5.49 5.21 5.59
24. Tamil Nadu 20.46 8.93 6.14
25. Tripura 3.57 7.32 3.20
26. Uttar Pradesh -1.31 0.28 5.25
27. Uttaranchal 5.99 -1.75 4.80
28. West Bengal 0.75 1.81 3.81
29. A&N Islands -13.43 -16.39 NA
30. Chandigarh -5.50 6.63 NA
31. Delhi 0.99 -4.65 0.49
32. Pondicherry -1.23 -0.09 -0.06
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Source: For SI.No. 1-32 - Directorate of Economics & Statistics of respective State Governments.

To reorient the current agricultural development strategies to meet the needs of the farmers and for fresh efforts by the Central and State Governments to rejuvenate agriculture so as to achieve 4 percent annual growth during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, a new State Plan Scheme of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for agriculture and allied sectors, namely, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been launched during 2007-08 with an envisaged outlay of Rs.25,000 crore for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

The allocation of funds under RKVY to the States is based on the net un-irrigated area, gross state domestic product in agriculture

| and allied sectors to be attained by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan and increase in the State Plan expenditure in agriculture and allied sectors. The ACA is made available to the States as 100% grant. |
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