

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:103  
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DECLINE IN AGRICULTURE GROWTH RATE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is decline in agricultural sector on account of poor rains and floods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for such purpose for the current year and spent by each State including Andhra Pradesh, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to overcome such situation in future in consultation with the State Governments?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The growth rate achieved by agriculture and allied sector at 2004-05 prices has declined from 1.6 percent in 2008-09 to (-)0.2 percent in 2009-10 as per advanced estimates of National Income released by CSO.

(c): Statements showing funds allocated and released to the States/UTs during 2008-09 and 2009-10 under Macro Management Scheme and Integrated Scheme of Oil Seeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) are at Annexure I and II respectively.

(d): Various measures such as advice to State Governments for taking timely action for ensuring availability of quality seeds through Central Sector Schemes of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and promotion of medium and short duration crop varieties to meet contingent situation have been taken by Government to achieve the targets of agriculture production. Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been directed to facilitate extension of weather based Agriculture management plan to the farmers and other stakeholders at the district level.

Under RKVY, the States are incentivized to increase public investment to achieve 4% growth rate in Agriculture and allied sectors in the 11th Five Year Plan.

A Central Sector Scheme 'Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of certified quality seeds.