

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the investment in agriculture as a percentage of the GDP during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the target set for the remaining years of the current Five Year Plan;
- (c) whether the investment as a percentage of the GDP is very low considering the contribution of agriculture to the GDP; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to increase the investment in agriculture?

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) to (c): The percentage investment (Gross Capital Formation, GCF) in Agriculture & Allied Sector to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Agriculture & Allied Sector and to total Gross Domestic Product at 2004-05 prices is as follow:

Year	Percent GCF (Agri. & Allied sector) to GDP	Percent GCF of Agriculture & Allied sector to Total GDP	Percent contribution of Agriculture & Allied sector to total GDP
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2006-07	15.44	2.65	17.2
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2007-08	17.18	2.83	16.4
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2008-09	21.31	3.34	15.7
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As per 11th plan document to achieve the 4 percent agricultural growth target, investment in Agriculture & Allied sector should be 16 percent of agricultural GDP. It may be noted that the investment in Agriculture & Allied Sector as a percentage of GDP (Agriculture and Allied) has increased from 15.44 in 2006-07 to 21.31 of GDP (Agriculture and Allied) in 2008-09. Also the investment as a percentage of total GDP has increased from 2.65 percent in 2006-07 to 3.34 percent in 2008-09 at 2004-05 prices.

(d): Government has launched several schemes to increase investments in agricultural sector and for accelerating agricultural growth. The major schemes are as follows:

- # Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana to incentivize the states to increase public investment in Agriculture sector.
- # National Food Security Mission to promote improved production technologies like hybrids, System of Rice Intensification, resource conservation technologies, integrated nutrient, pest and weed management and usage of farm implements.
- # Gramin Bhandaran Yojana for investment by private sector for the development of agriculture storage infrastructure in the country.
- # Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed to develop and strengthen the existing infrastructure for the production and distribution of certified/quality seeds to farmers.
- # National Horticulture Mission for holistic development of horticulture sector duly ensuring forward and backward linkages with the active participation of all the stakeholders.