

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CRISIS IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the agriculture sector of the country has been facing crisis in the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any scheme to bail out the agriculture sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the allocation made to this sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

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): No, Madam. Foodgrain production has shown an increasing trend in recent year reaching an all time record level of 234.47 MT in 2008-09. However, as per the 2nd advance estimates for 2009-10, the foodgrains production is likely to decrease on account of severe drought.

(c)&(d): There is no contingency of 'bailing out' the agriculture sector. However, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing production and productivity in the Agriculture sector like

(i) Integrated Scheme of Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize,

(ii) National Horticulture Mission,

(iii) National Food Security Mission,

(iv) Micro Irrigation

(v) Technology Mission of Horticulture in the North Eastern states including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand,

(vi) Macro Management of Agriculture

(vii) National Bamboo Mission

(viii) Technology Mission on Cotton

(ix) Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms

(x) National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility and

(xi) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

(e): The Planning Commission has approved a Plan Outlay of Rs.66577 crore in the XI Five Year Plan for the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.