

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether public investment in agriculture in comparison to the Gross Domestic Product of the country has registered a decline over the successive years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any direct relations between falling public investments and prevailing agrarian crisis in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken/ proposed to be taken for attracting public investments for strengthening and accelerating growth in the agriculture sector?

**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 (d): No Madam, the public investment in agriculture in comparison of gross domestic product of the country has increased from 0.55 per cent in 2004-05 to 0.59 per cent in 2008-09 at constant prices (2004-05 prices). The status of agriculture is influenced inter-alia by prevailing prices of agricultural commodities, prices of inputs, marketing and processing infrastructure investment etc.

(e): 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 incentivise the states to increase public investment in Agriculture sector.(Budget Estimate for 2009-10 is Rs. 406707 lakhs)

# 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. (Budget Estimate for 2009-10 is Rs. 135000 lakhs).

# 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. (Budget Estimate for 2009-10 is Rs. 42159 lakhs).

# National Horticulture Mission for holistic development of horticulture sector duly ensuring forward and backward linkages with the active participation of all the stakeholders.(Budget Estimate for 2009-10 is Rs. 110000 lakhs).