

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CONTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the contribution of the agriculture sector in the economic development of the country has been declining for the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of successful research carried out by Agro Research Institution in the country reaches the farmers?

**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 share of Agriculture and Allied Sector in the total Gross Domestic Product of the country at 2004-05 prices during the last three years is given below:

Year    Percentage share of Agriculture and  
Allied Sector    to total Gross Domestic Product

2006-07	17.2
2007-08	16.4
2008-09	15.7

(c): Government has launched a Scheme, Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms during 2005-06. It aims at making the extension system farmer driven and farmer accountable by way of new institutional arrangements for technology dissemination in the form of an Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) at district level. ATMA has the active participation of farmers and farmer groups, NGOs, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Panchayati Raj Institutions and other stakeholders operating at the district level and below. The activities being supported under the Scheme include farmer-oriented activities (training, demonstration, exposure visits, group mobilisation, and capacity building), farm information dissemination activities (exhibition, information technology, print media), and research-extension-farmer linkages, (farmer scientist interactions, organisation of field days and kisan goshties ) etc.