

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FOOD SECURITY STRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the food security structure in the country is on the verge of collapse due to the reduction in budgetary allocation for agriculture development in the successive Five Year Plans;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure that adequate funds are available for 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): No, Madam. Neither is food security of the country on the verge of collapse nor is there reduction in budgetary allocations for agriculture in successive plans.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Central Plan outlay of Agriculture and Allied sectors has increased in successive Five Year Plans. Outlays in last five Plans are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

VII Five Year Plan (1985-86 to 1989-90)	10523.62
VIII Five Year Plan (1992-93 to 1996-97)	22467.20
IX Five Year Plan (1997-98 to 2001-02)	42462.00
X Five Year Plan (2002-03 to 2006-07)	58933.00
XI Five Year Plan (2007-08 to 2012-13)	36381.00

Source : Planning Commission