

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN GRANT FOR AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a study conducted by the National Commission on Farmers has pointed out that grants for development in the field of agriculture are declining gradually;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

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 National Commission on Farmers (NCF), in its fifth and final report submitted on 4th October, 2006, had mentioned that investment in agriculture has suffered a decline over the past two decades. The NCF observed that capital formation in agriculture and allied sectors in relation to GDP started declining in the 1980s. There was a decline in this figure for 8 years from 1990-91 onwards as well.

However, this trend has been arrested now and the share of public investment to GDP of the agriculture and allied sectors has increased during the last five years starting from 2004-05. The details are as under:

Year Public Investment in Agriculture & allied Sector
(At 2004-05 prices)
Absolute terms Percentage share to GDP
(Rs. Crores)

2004-05	16183	2.9
2005-06	19909	3.4
2006-07	22978	3.8
2007-08	23039	3.6
2008-09	24452	3.8