

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:230
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2010
SHARE OF AGRICULTURE IN GDP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the share of agriculture in the Gross Domestic Product of the country has declined and is impacting the food security in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the share of agriculture in the GDP during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the impact of global economic slowdown on the agriculture sector in the country;
- (d) whether various projects/schemes launched by the Government have been able to reverse the decline in agricultural growth; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.230 DUE FOR REPLY ON 10-08-2010.

(a) & (b): Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Agriculture and Allied Sector and its share in total GDP of the country during the last 3 years including the current year at 2004-05 prices is as follows:

Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
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GDP of Agriculture and Allied Sector	611409	640315	650461	651901
(Rs. in Crore)				
Per cent to total GDP	17.2	16.4	15.7	14.6

Source: Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Govt. of India.

The GDP of Agriculture and Allied Sector at constant prices has shown a steady uptrend over the years. Foodgrain output has also been generally rising over the years. Hence, the food security of the country is not adversely affected.

(c): There has been no major impact of the global economic slowdown on the agriculture sector since India's share in World Trade is not significant.

(d) & (e): The Government is implementing a number of Schemes in coordination with State Governments. The schemes/programmes in the agricultural sector particularly National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and National Horticulture Mission introduced recently have resulted in higher agricultural output. Production of foodgrains has increased from 208.60 million tonnes in 2005-06 to 234.47 million tonnes in 2008-09. The evaluation studies also suggest that the schemes in agriculture sector have had positive impact on output.