

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the contribution of agriculture to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has been declining due to decline in cultivable land during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to increase the contribution of agriculture to the GDP and to meet the decline in cultivable land in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**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): The agriculture and allied sector has contributed 18.9% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (at constant 2004-05 prices), in 2004-05 compared to 14.6% in 2009-10 (Revise Estimates). The contribution of Agriculture in GDP and cultivable land in the last six year is as under:-

Sl No. Year Contribution of Agriculture & Allied sectors Cultivable land  
in GDP (in %) at 2004-05 prices (thousand hectares)

1	2004-05	18.9	183007
2	2005-06	18.1	182737
3	2006-07	17.2	182545
4	2007-08	16.4	182442
5	2008-09	15.7	NA
6	2009-10 (RE)	14.6	NA

(N.A. Not available, R.E. Revised estimates)  
(Source: Directorate of Economics and Statics)

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY), for achieving 4% annual growth in the agriculture sector during the XI Plan period, by ensuring a holistic development of Agriculture and allied sectors. The main objective of the scheme is to incentivise the states so as to increase public investment in Agriculture and allied sectors. States have been given the flexibility to plan and implement the program under this scheme based on the identified need of the districts as included in comprehensive district Agriculture plan. Besides, other ongoing centrally sponsored schemes of National Food Security Mission, Macro Management of Agriculture, Integrated Oilseed, Pulses, Maize and Oilpalm (ISOPOM), Accelerated Pulses Production Programme, National Horticulture Mission and new schemes of extending Green Revolution to Eastern India; organizing 60,000 Pulses & Oilseeds Villages in rainfed areas etc. are being implemented to enhance the production and productivity of food and horticultural crops.