

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GROWTH RATE OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth rate of the agriculture sector during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons for decline in the growth rate of the agriculture sector;
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the agriculture sector and to increase the agricultural growth rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The growth rate in Agriculture and Allied Sector at 2004-05 prices during the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Growth rate (percent)
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2007-08	4.7
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2008-09	1.6
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2009-10	0.2 (Revised)
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(b) & (c): No, Madam. Though no specific study has been conducted, the decline in Agricultural Production in 2008-09 can be mainly attributed to fall in production in Jowar, Pulses, Oilseeds and Sugarcane over the previous year and severe drought experienced in 2009-10 leading to fall in Agricultural Production.

(d): The Government has launched various Schemes to arrest the decline in growth rate and increase production in the Agriculture Sector. These include Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY); National Food Security Mission (NFSM); National Horticulture Mission (NHM); Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for the Production and Distribution of Quality Seed; Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM).