

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL GROWTH RATE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set a target of 5 per cent growth rate for agriculture for the current fiscal year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target?

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) & (b): The growth target for Agriculture and Allied Sector is set at 4 per cent for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12). There is year to year variation in growth over the targeted growth rate.

(c): To incentivize the states to increase investment in Agriculture and Allied Sector to achieve targeted growth, Government has launched several Schemes which include:

(1) A Plan Scheme, Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana has been launched during 2007-08 to achieve 4% agricultural growth during 11th Five Year Plan in Agriculture and Allied sector.

(2) Another, Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)" has been launched in 312 identified districts of 17 States with an aim to achieve additional production of 20 million tonnes of food grains by the end of Eleventh Plan(2011-12).

(3) Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Horticulture Mission" for holistic development of horticulture sector was launched in 2005-06. Improvement in production and productivity, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management and marketing are the major programmes of the Scheme.

(4) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) has been launched to provide assistance for purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation seeds and distribution of seed mini-kits, distribution of plant protection equipments, etc.

(5) Macro Management of Agriculture and Integrated Cereals Development Programmes etc. has also been launched to augment production.