

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the investment by the private sector in agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been any benefit of the deal to rural India scheme; 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) & (b): No, Madam. The private gross capital formation (investment) in agriculture and allied sectors is showing an increasing trend except during 2006-07 where Gross Capital Formation (GCF) in agriculture & allied sector has marginally come down. The private gross capital formation from 2004-05 to 2008-09 at 2004-05 prices is as follows:

Year Gross Capital Formation (GCF) (Investment) by
private sector in agriculture & allied sectors
at 2004-05 prices (Rs. crore)

2004-05	62666
2005-06	73212
2006-07	71422
2007-08	86966
2008-09	114145

Source: CSO, MoSPI

(c) & (d): In response to increased Government emphasis on agriculture, the private investment has also increased over the years. As a result, production of foodgrains has increased over the last several years and it has reached 234.47 million tonnes in 2008-09. Similarly, production of nine oilseeds has increased over the last several years and it has reached 277.19 lakh tonnes in 2008-09. The following major schemes are being implemented by the Government for increasing production and raising investment in agriculture.

1. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
2. National Food Security Mission (NFSM)
3. Development and strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed.
4. National Horticulture Mission (NHM)
5. Integrated Oilseeds, Oil Palm, Pulses and Maize (ISOPOM).
6. Gramin Bhandaran Yojana.

As majority of the rural people are depending on agriculture sector these initiatives are expected to benefit them in a big way.