

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CRISIS IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated for the agriculture sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey with regard to the problems being faced by the agriculture sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the main problems confronting this sector;
- (d) whether the sector is also facing paucity of funds;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to eradicate these problems?

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): An amount of Rs. 87339 crore has been allocated for the Ministry of Agriculture during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.
- (b) & (c): The Mid-Term Appraisal of the 11th Five Year Plan has concluded that slowdown in agriculture growth after mid-1990s was due to multiple factors including the lack of a breakthrough in technology of major crops; low replacement rate of seeds/varieties; slow growth or stagnation in area under irrigation and fertilizer use, decline in power supply to agriculture, and slowdown in diversification.
- (d) to (e): No, Madam. Government is giving highest priority to agriculture and allied sector. The Eleventh Plan allocation has been considerably higher over the Tenth Plan allocation.
- (f): The factors identified by the Planning Commission have been adequately addressed through various schemes.