

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:11

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AGRICULTURAL GROWTH

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of agricultural growth registered in the country during 2009- 10;
- (b) whether the agricultural growth is lagging behind the target fixed for the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target in the remaining period of the said plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 11 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 2011.

(a): As per quick estimates released by the Central Statistical Organization, the growth in the gross domestic product (GDP) of agriculture and allied sector during 2009-10 (base 2004-05) has been 0.4%.

(b) & (c): As against the growth target of 4% in the agriculture and allied sector fixed for the 11th Five Year Plan, the average annual growth during the 1st four years of the Plan Period i.e. 2007-08 to 2010-11 has been 2.9 %. The average growth in GDP of agriculture and allied sectors suffered a setback due to severe drought in most parts of the country during 2009-10 and drought/deficient rainfall in some States namely Bihar, Jharkhand, East U.P. and West Bengal in 2010-11.

(d): In order to enhance agricultural growth in the country, various Crop Development Schemes and Programmes, namely; National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme for Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals under Macro Management of Agriculture and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture through State Governments. In addition to above schemes, during the current year, i.e., 2010-11, two new programmes for bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India and Integrated Development of 60000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in rainfed areas have been initiated under RKVY. National Food Security Mission has been strengthened from 1.4.2010 with the merger of pulses component of ISOPOM and inclusion of two new potential States namely; Assam and Jharkhand for pulses production. A new programme 'Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P)' in the form of block demonstrations has also been started to cover 1000 units of 1000 hectares each of five pulses crops in 16 pulse growing States of the country. Further, a centrally sponsored scheme, National Horticulture Mission, is also being implemented to enhance production and productivity, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management and marketing of horticultural crops in the country. As per advance estimates of GDP (at 2004-05 prices) released by the Central Statistical Organization, the growth in Agriculture and Allied sector is estimated to be 5.4% for 2010-11.