

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agricultural production in the country has increased in the year 2010- 2011 as compared to the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the rate of agricultural growth has increased whereas its overall contribution to the GDP has decreased;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether 65 percent of the population depends on the agriculture sector for their livelihood and the Government is concerned about its declining contribution to the GDP;and
- (f) if so, the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per 2nd Advance Estimates released on 9th February, 2011, the estimated production of foodgrains in the country during 2010-11 stands at 232.07 million tones as compared to 218.11 million tones during the last year.

(c) & (d): As per Advance Estimates released by the Central Statistical Organisation, the growth in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Agriculture & allied sector (at 2004-05 prices) is estimated at 5.4% as compared to 0.4% during 2009-10. The share of Agriculture & allied sector in the overall GDP has declined to 14.2% in 2010 -11 as compared to 14.6% during 2009-10.

(e) & (f): According to 64th Round Survey on `Employment and Unemployment` conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during 2007-08, 57.3% of usually employed persons are engaged in the Agriculture & allied sector.

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.