

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRARIAN CRISIS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the agrarian sector in the country is facing a crisis on account of falling investments and less growth rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether a report brought out by the Joshi-Adhikari Institute of Social Studies, has raised several issues plaguing the agrarian sector in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government for ensuring sustained agricultural growth in the country?

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): Investment in the agrarian sector increased from Rs.86611 crore in 2005-06 to Rs.133377 crore in 2009-10. As against the average annual growth target of 4%, growth during the last six years was above target in four years and below target in two years as shown in the table below; implying that although there is fluctuation in growth, there is no falling trend.

Year	Gross Capital formation (Investment) in Agriculture & Allied sector (Rs. crore) at 2004-05 prices	Growth Rate in Agricultural and Allied Sectors at 2004-05 prices (%)
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2005-06	86611	5.1
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2006-07	90710	4.2
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2007-08	105034	5.8
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2008-09	128659	-(0.1)
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2009-10	133377	0.4
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2010-11	Not available	5.4
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Source: Central Statistics Office (CSO)

(c) & (d): The said report is presently not under consideration in the Ministry of Agriculture.

(e): For ensuring sustained 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 the 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. 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, land development and soil health/soil fertility have also been ensured through implementation of centrally sponsored schemes such as Reclamation and Development of Alkali & Acid Soil and the National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility etc.