

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GROWTH RATE IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set for agriculture growth rate for each State including Kerala during each of the last three years and the achievements made thereon State-wise;
- (b) whether the agriculture growth has slowed down;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the growth target of agriculture set for the year 2009-10; and the steps being taken by the Government to improve the growth rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement on State-wise Growth Target for Tenth Plan (2002-07) and Eleventh Plan (2007-12) and Growth Rates for the years 2005-06 to 2007-08 for Agriculture Sector is annexed. Growth rate in Agriculture sector has increased from 4% in 2006-07 to 4.9% in 2007-08. The growth target of agriculture is set at 4% for Eleventh Plan (2007-12).

(e): A State Plan scheme of Additional Central Assistance for Agriculture Sector namely Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been launched during 2007-08 to achieve 4% agricultural growth during 11th Five Year Plan. The strategy to achieve 4% agricultural growth would lay emphasis on the following:

Accelerating the production and productivity of major food crops on regionally differentiated basis with thrust on pulses and oilseed sector.

Development of rainfed and dry land areas through farming, livelihood systems and better watershed management.

Revamp of extension system to improve delivery mechanism at the grass root level.

Focus on farmers' welfare through risk mitigation, reduction of rural distress and better social security system.

Greater role for the Panchayat Raj Institutions.

Modernise markets.

Improve efficiency of investment and rationalise subsidy.

Further, A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)" has been launched in 312 identified districts of 17 States from Rabi season of 2007-08 with an aim to increase the additional production of 20 million tonnes of foodgrains, comprising of 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses by the end of Eleventh Plan (2011-12).