GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2339 ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009 INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL LOAN Agarwal Shri Jai Prakash

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the credit disbursement to agriculture sector has shown a rising trend during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the percentage increase registered in the loan given to the agriculture sector during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether despite the increase in the availability of loan there is no corresponding rise registered in the agriculture production;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken thereon?

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): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Details are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

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Year Credit Flow % increase

2006-07 229400 27.10

2007-08 254658 11.01

2008-09 287149 12.76
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(c): No, Madam. The agriculture production in the country depends on several factors including availability of credit. However, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for agriculture and allied sectors (at constant prices) has registered rising trend. Details are as under:

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Year Agriculture GDP

2006-07 Rs.5.31 lakh crore

2007-08 Rs.5.57 lakh crore

2008-09 Rs.5.66 lakh crore
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(d) & (e): Do not arise.