

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been a steep fall in the investment for the development of agricultural land in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds invested thereon during the Tenth Plan Period; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase investment for development of agricultural land during the Eleventh Plan Period?

**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) to (c): The Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing various programmes for the development of agricultural land, namely, National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR), Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR), Reclamation and Development of Alkali & Acid Soils (RADAS), and Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) in the country. Under these programmes, during the Ninth Five Year Plan an amount of Rs.1621.09 crore was utilized whereas during the Tenth Five Year Plan an amount of Rs.2072.40 crore has been utilized.

(d): Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture has targeted for development of about 7.00 million ha. of degraded land under these programmes during XI Plan with an estimated cost of Rs.7990.00 crore.