

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:24
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AGRICULTURAL GROWTH RATE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the agricultural growth is lagging behind the target fixed for the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the percentage of allocation to the agriculture sector as a proportion of the GDP during the said period; and
- (d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to achieve the target in the remaining period of the said Plan and for enhancing agricultural production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 24 DUE FOR REPLY ON 2ND AUGUST, 2011.

(a) & (b): As against the growth target of 4% in the agriculture and allied sector fixed for the 11th Five Year Plan, the average annual growth during the first four years of the Plan Period i.e. 2007-08 to 2010-11 has been 3.2 %. The average growth in GDP of agriculture and allied sectors suffered a setback due to severe drought in most parts of the country during 2009-10 and drought/deficient rainfall in some States, namely, Bihar, Jharkhand, East U.P. and West Bengal in 2010-11.

(c): The percentage of allocation to the agriculture sector (Deptt. of Agri. & Coop., Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries and DARE) as a proportion of the GDP during the said period (2007-08 to 2011-12) is given below:

Year	Budget Allocation (RE)	GDP in the Agriculture	The percentage of
		(Deptt. of Agri. & Coop., and Allied Sectors at budget allocation	
		Animal Husbandry, current prices as a proportion of	
		Dairying & Fisheries the GDP in	
		and DARE) Agriculture and	
		Allied Sector	
	(Rs. in crore)	(Rs. in crore)	

2007-08	9171.94	836518.00	1.1
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2008-09	12588.22	928943.00	1.4
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2009-10	13716.55	1089297.00	1.3
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2010-11	21040.26	1386882.00	1.5
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Source: D/o of Agri. & Coop., D/o Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, DARE and CSO

(d): 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), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), etc. are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture through State Governments. In addition to above schemes, during the year, 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.

As a result of the above said measures taken by the government and enhanced budgetary support to the agriculture sector, GDP growth is showing signs of improvement. As per revised estimates of GDP (at 2004-05 prices) released by the Central Statistics Office, the growth in Agriculture and Allied sector is estimated at 6.6% for 2010-11 which is the highest achieved growth rate during the last six years.