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ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed in regard to the economic growth rate during the current five year plan and the achievements made so far;
- (b) whether the Government has adopted any strategy to increase agricultural production during the current five year plan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the manner by which production of pulses and oil seeds has been planned to be increased alongwith the methods proposed to be used for the same ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): The target for economic growth, measured by growth rate of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost at constant prices, was fixed at 9 per cent per year on average for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12). The growth target fixed for agriculture, industry and service sector was 4%, 10-11% and 9-11% respectively. During the first four years of the Eleventh Plan the GDP has increased at an annual average growth rate of 8.1 per cent comprising 3.2% growth rate in agriculture sector, 7.5% in industrial sector and 10% in service sector.

(b) & (c): The Eleventh Five Year Plan adopts an inclusive growth model as its development strategy in which a variety of programmes and schemes have a growth enhancing impact through creation of physical and social infrastructure. The detailed strategy in respect of each sector of the economy to achieve the targets has been spelt out in the Eleventh Five Year Plan document. Some of the major schemes aimed at accelerating the growth rate of agriculture sector include: Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Accelerated Power Development Reform Programme (APDRP), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). In addition, a new initiative of Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses Villages in Rain fed Areas programme has been launched from 2010 to increase the production of pulses. An Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Maize and Oil palm (ISOPOM) is another major programme under implementation to increase the production of these crops in the country.