

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALLOCATION TO AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage-wise amount allocated to the agriculture sector from the total budget during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the budget allocation for promoting the agriculture sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a): The expenditure/ amount allocated to the sector of Agriculture and Allied Activities in the Union Budget in the total plan expenditure during the last three years and in the current year is given in the following table:

(Rs. in crore)
S. Year Agriculture Total Plan Share of Agriculture
No. and Allied Expenditure and Allied Activities
Activities in Total Plan (in percent)

1. 2008-09 10134 275235 3.7
(Actual)

2. 2009-10 10971 303391 3.6
(Actual)

3. 2010-11 14262 395024 3.6
(Revised
Estimate)

4. 2011-12 14666 441547 3.3
(Budget
Estimate)

Source: ANNEX 3.3, Expenditure Budget- 2011-12, Volume -1, Government of India.

(b) to (d): For formulation of Twelfth Five-Year Plan (2012-13 to 2017-18), Planning Commission has constituted a Steering Committee and Eleven Working Groups to recommend policies and programmes in agriculture and allied sectors covering eleven specific areas viz. Crop Husbandry, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Agricultural Research & Education, Natural Resources Management, Institutional Finance and Cooperatives, Agricultural Marketing, Agricultural Extension, Decentralized Planning and Disadvantaged Groups. Eminent experts, State Government Senior Officers, NGOs and other stakeholders are represented on the Steering Committee and Working Groups with a view to suggest policy initiatives required to achieve high growth rate in agriculture towards an inclusive growth agenda for the country. Recommendations of the Steering Committee and the Working Groups would facilitate further policy steps and other initiatives for the Twelfth Five-Year Plan and in undertaking a review, if necessary, of allocations for promoting the growth of agriculture sector which is a foremost priority of the Government.