

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pressure on agriculture in the country is five times more than the global average;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to ease this pressure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Compared to other countries, India faces a greater challenge, with only 2.3% share in world's total land area, it has to ensure food security of its population which is about 17.5% of world population.

The pressure on agriculture in India is higher as compared to the world which is indicated by the ratio of agricultural land to agricultural population as given below:

Ratio of Agricultural land to Agricultural Population

(Ha/person)

Year India World

2006	0.29	0.59
2007	0.29	0.58
2008	0.29	0.58

Source: FAO

(c) & (d): As per the Eleventh Plan document, the country has witnessed perceptible change between 1983 to 2006-07 in the share of agriculture in employment as can be seen from the following table:

Table: Sector-wise share of Employment by Current Daily Status (CDS basis) (%)

Industry	1983	1993-94	1999-00	2004-05	2006-07
Agriculture	65.42	61.03	56.64	52.06	50.19
Mining and Quarrying	0.66	0.78	0.67	0.63	0.61
Manufacturing	11.27	11.1	12.13	12.9	13.33
Electricity, Water etc.	0.34	0.41	0.34	0.35	0.33
Construction	2.56	3.63	4.44	5.57	6.10
Trade, hotel & restaurant	6.98	8.26	11.2	12.62	13.18
Transport, storage & comm.	2.88	3.22	4.06	4.61	5.06
Financial, insurance real estate & business services	0.78	1.08	1.36	2.00	2.22
Community, social & personal services	9.1	10.5	9.16	9.24	8.97

Source: Eleventh Five Year Plan, Planning Commission.

Several employment-generation programmes being implemented by the Government of India aiming at creation of employment opportunities in non-farm sectors are: The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Gurantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarogjar Yojana (SGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana etc.