

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BALANCE BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the balance between industry and agriculture is essential for healthy development of economy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government for maintaining this balance in the country; and
- (d) the outcome of the efforts made so far and the action plan of the Government for maintaining this balance in the future?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The essence of economic planning is based on maintaining healthy balance between demand and supply for all products. Agriculture being the main source of supply of food products, it is necessary to strike a balance between overall economic growth and growth of agriculture sector. The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) envisaged an annual average growth rate of 9% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) with target growth rate of 4% in the agriculture sector. Various policy initiatives of the Government aimed at a balanced and inclusive growth based on higher agricultural and industrial growth have facilitated this objective. Against these targets, the GDP growth rate realised during the first four years of the Eleventh Plan is estimated at 8.2% including 3.2% annual average growth rate realised in agriculture sector. The Approach Paper to the Twelfth Five year Plan (2012-17) envisages an annual average GDP growth target of 9% including 4% growth target for agriculture sector.