

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:14
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2011
AGRICULTURAL GROWTH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth rate realised in the agriculture sector during the 11th Five Year Plan period;
- (b) whether the Government is satisfied with the performance of agriculture sector and taken mid-term corrective action, to boost the growth rate;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the targeted and actual growth realised;
- (d) whether the Government has set any target for growth rate in agriculture for the 12th Five Year Plan in the light of achievement/pitfall noticed in the 11th Five Year Plan period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 14 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22N NOVEMBER, 2011.

(a)to(c): The average annual growth in the agriculture and allied sectors realized during the first four years of the 11th Plan Period i.e. 2007-08 to 2010-11 is 3.2 % against the targeted growth rate of 4%. This is, however, higher than average growth rate of 2.5 % during the Tenth Plan Period. The average growth in GDP of agriculture and allied sectors in the 11th Plan period 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. However, as a result of the corrective actions taken by the Government to boost the growth rate, GDP for the agriculture and allied sectors reached the level of 6.6 per cent in 2010-11, which is the highest achieved growth rate during the last six years.

(d)&(e): A 4 per cent growth rate has been proposed for agriculture in the 12th Five Year Plan period and the same is under formulation.