

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SHARE OF AGRICULTURE IN GDP

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the dependence of the population on agriculture has increased over a period of time;
- (f) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the share of agriculture in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country has decreased recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the comprehensive measures taken by the Government to increase the agricultural share in GDP as prevalent in developed countries?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per NSSO quinquennial, Employment and Unemployment Surveys; the estimated number of workers employed in agriculture per 1000 persons declined from 580 in 2005-06 to 532 in 2009-10 on account of structural changes in economy.

(c) & (d): As per the latest available estimates from Central Statistics Office (CSO) the share of Agriculture and Allied Sector in GDP of the country at 2004-05 prices was at 14.4% in 2010-11. The share of Agriculture and Allied Sector in GDP of the country declined from 17.4% in 2006-07 to 16.8% in 2007-08, 15.7% in 2008-09 and further to 14.6% in 2009-10. This is due to structural changes in the economy as mentioned earlier.

(e): The Government of India has launched several schemes to increase investments in agriculture sector and to increase the agricultural share in GDP. Some of the major schemes are Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed, National Horticultural Mission (NHM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Gramin Bhandaran Yojana etc.