

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any agricultural survey has recently been conducted in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome of thereof;
- (c) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to conduct an annual agricultural survey from the next financial year on the lines of Economic Survey as a part of agriculture reforms process; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Agriculture has prepared a report on the State of Indian Agriculture 2011-12 and has laid it in both Houses of Parliament. The report is also uploaded on the website of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in). The report emphasis the need for bridging the yield gaps in low productivity regions by effective technology dissemination which can be combined with an efficient supply and service system and raising of the production frontier in high productivity regions by strengthening and reorienting agricultural R&D, reducing regional disparities, targeting rain fed areas, emphasis on development of states in eastern India, etc. With an increasing pressure of population and a decreasing per capita availability or cultivable land, there is a need to enhance cropping intensity without compromising land productivity. To enhance productivity, easy and reliable access to inputs such as quality seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation; access to suitable technology tailored for specific needs, the presence of support infrastructure and innovative marketing systems to aggregate and market the output from large number of small holdings efficiently and effectively are necessary. With the declining share of agriculture to GDP, the continuing high pressure of population on agriculture and the increasing fragmentation of land holdings leading to decreasing availability of cultivated land area per household, the agriculture sector alone would hardly be in a position to create additional employment opportunities to sustain the livelihood of the rural households. Hence, the report emphasis for creation of additional employment opportunities in the non-farm and manufacturing sectors. This requires suitable skill development of the people so as to gainfully employ them in non- farm activities to make agriculture viable in a sustainable manner.

(d) & (e): It has been decided that every year, before the budget, the Government would bring out a report on the State of Indian Agriculture. The Ministry of Agriculture has already laid the report for 2011-12 in both Houses of Parliament.