

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TARGET FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to fix the target for Agriculture and Rural Development at seven per cent GDP growth by using the Natural Resources, Human Resources and Scientific Advancement to achieve the target in order to declare India as the "Food Bowl" of the Globe;
- (b) if so, whether the "Solar Power" generation will be clubbed together to make "consumer becomes producers" strategy; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No. Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration at present in the Planning Commission. As per Mid Term Appraisal of the 11th Plan document, the growth rate in agriculture is expected to be 3 to 3.5 % of GDP. Government is continuously endeavoring to increase agricultural growth rate to ensure faster and more inclusive growth throughout the country.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.