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BALANCE BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a balance between Industry and Agriculture is necessary for a healthy growth of the economy of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to maintain balance in the growth of Agriculture and Industry in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Due to various forward and backward linkages, there is a great degree of inter-dependence among all sectors of the economy including agriculture and industry. In order to achieve the overall growth target of the economy a strategy is outlined through the Five Year Plans to strike the balance between different sectors of the economy. The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) envisaged an annual average growth rate of 9% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) with targeted growth rate of 4% in the agriculture sector and 9-11% in industrial sector. To achieve the targeted growth rate in agriculture sector the Government implemented various programmes which include: Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme and Accelerated Power Development Reform Programme to augment irrigation and power respectively, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, to incentivise State governments to prepare district level agricultural plans that take into account of local conditions and encourage effective convergence among various Central schemes being implemented currently in districts as stand-alone schemes, convergence of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with agriculture through effective planning of works to enhance the productivity of the agricultural sector, National Food Security Mission to increase cereal and pulses production, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for better linkage to the markets and Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana to improve rural infrastructure. Similarly, the measures including Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC), Second phase of National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP), Modernization and strengthening of Intellectual Property offices, Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS), etc. have also been taken by the Government to accelerate the growth rate of industrial sector.