

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH RATE OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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

- (a) the growth rate of the agriculture sector registered during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons for decline in the growth rate of the agriculture sector;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the agriculture sector and to increase the agricultural growth rate?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Agriculture and Allied Sectors registered a growth rate of 1.0 % in 2009-10 and 7.0 % in 2010-11 at 2004-05 prices as per the quick estimates released by Central Statistics Office (CSO) on 31st January, 2012. Further, as per the revised estimates released by CSO on 31st May, 2012, Agriculture and Allied Sectors is estimated to grow at 2.8% in 2011-12 at 2004-05 prices. There are year to year fluctuations in the growth rates, primarily due to fluctuation in weather as vast cultivated area is still rainfed. However, Agriculture and Allied Sectors have shown improvement in performance by registering an average Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 3.3% during the 11th Plan, which is higher than the average growth rate of 2.4% during the Tenth Plan and 2.5% during the Ninth Plan Periods.

(d): The Government of India has launched several schemes to boost the agriculture sector and to increase the agricultural growth rate such as, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Gramin Bhandaran Yojana etc.