

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURAL GROWTH

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set any targets for agricultural growth rate in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details and achievements thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of allocation for the development of agriculture sector during the above period along with the population engaged/dependent on agriculture;
- (d) the share/contribution of agriculture and allied sectors to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) registered in the country during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen the agriculture sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): As against the targeted Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 4%, Agriculture and Allied Sectors registered a growth of 0.1% in 2008-09, 1.0% in 2009-10 and 7.0% in 2010-11 at 2004-05 prices as per the quick estimates released by 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.

(c): The details of expenditure for the last three years and the allocation for the current year for development of agriculture sector (Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries and Department of Agricultural Research & Education) during the last three years and the current year are tabulated below:

Year	Exp/ Allocation (Rs. in Crore)
2009-10	13503.47
2010-2011	20679.06
2011-2012	18695.92
2012-2013	25338.00

Source: Ministry of Agriculture

As per the Population census 2001, the total number of cultivators and agricultural workers in the country engaged in agriculture was 234.10 million. Further, as per the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) quinquennial, Employment and Unemployment Surveys; the estimated number of workers employed in agriculture per 1000 persons was 532 in 2009-10.

(d): As per the latest estimates released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) the share/contribution of Agriculture and Allied Sector in GDP of the country at 2004-05 prices was at 14% in 2011-12. The share of Agriculture and Allied Sector in GDP of the country was 15.8% in 2008-09, 14.7% in 2009-10, and 14.5% in 2010-11.

(e): The Government of India has launched several schemes to strengthen the agriculture sector 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. in the country.