

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:37
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GROWTH OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth of agriculture sector is lagging behind as compared to the growth of tertiary and secondary sectors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has set any targets during the 12th Five Year Plan to achieve higher agricultural growth rate in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the achievement made in this regard, so far; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the growth rate of agriculture and enhance employment opportunities in the sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 37 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2013.

(a) & (b) As per the First Revised Estimates released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) on 31st January, 2013, growth rates of agriculture sector (agriculture including livestock, forestry & fishing) vis a vis secondary (mining, manufacturing, electricity & construction) and tertiary sectors (trade, hotels & restaurants, transport, storage & communication, financing, insurance, real estate & business services, community, social & personal services) at 2004 -05 prices are tabulated below:-

Sl.No. Sectors Percentage change over Previous Year

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

1 Agriculture, forestry & fishing 0.1 0.8 7.9 3.6

2 mining & quarrying 2.1 5.9 4.9 -0.6

3 manufacturing 4.3 11.3 9.7 2.7

4 electricity, gas & water supply 4.6 6.2 5.2 6.5

5	construction	5.3	6.7	10.2	5.6
6	trade, hotels & restaurants	5.7	7.9	11.5	6.2
7	transport, storage & communication	10.8	14.8	13.8	8.4
8	financing, insurance, real estate & business services	12.0	9.7	10.1	11.7
9	community, social & personal services	12.5	11.7	4.3	6.0
10	total gross domestic product	6.7	8.6	9.3	6.2

Relatively slower growth of agriculture and allied sectors as compared to the growth of tertiary and secondary sectors is on account of structural changes due to a shift from a traditional agrarian economy to a service dominated one. This phenomenon is generally expected in the normal development of an economy.

(c) & (d) Targeted growth rate for Agriculture and Allied sectors is 4% during 12th Plan. As per the Advance Estimates released by CSO on 7th February, 2013 Agriculture and Allied Sectors is estimated to grow at 1.8% in 2012-13 at 2004-05 prices.

(e) Government has launched several schemes to boost the growth rate of agriculture and enhance employment opportunities in the sector such as 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), Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Gramin Bhandaran Yojana etc. In addition, Government has substantially improved the availability of farm credit; implemented a massive programme of debt waiver; introduced better crop insurance schemes; increased Minimum Support Price (MSP), improved marketing infrastructure, etc.