

**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 agricultural growth is lagging behind the target fixed for the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target in the 12th Five Year Plan period?

**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% in the 11th Plan period (2007-08 to 2011-12) Agriculture and Allied Sectors has witnessed an average annual growth rate of 3.6% during the same period at 2004-05 prices. The average growth in GDP of Agriculture and Allied Sectors in the 11th Plan period suffered a setback due to severe drought in most parts of the country during 2009-10 and drought / deficient rainfall in some States, namely, Bihar, Jharkhand, East U.P. and West Bengal in 2010-11.

(c): To achieve the target of 4% growth rate in Agriculture & Allied Sectors in the 12th Five Year Plan period, Government has launched several schemes to boost the growth rate of agriculture 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.