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GROWTH OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage growth achieved by the agriculture sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the Planning Commission has suggested measures to be adopted by the agriculture sector in order to improve the declining production of oilseeds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the measures taken/ being taken by the Government to develop agriculture sector, increase agricultural production and promote oilseeds production during the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a): The agriculture sector achieved an average 3.7% annual growth in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Agriculture and Allied Sectors during the Eleventh Five Year Plan as presented below:

Year	GDP from Agriculture & Allied (Rs. crore)	Percent growth over previous year 11th Plan
2007-8	08655080	5.8
2008-09	655689	0.1
2009-10	660987	0.8
2010-11	713477	7.9
2011-12	739495	3.6
Average 11th Plan		3.7

Source: Press Release dated 31st May 2013 NAS 2013 of Central Statistics Office, New Delhi

(b) & (c): The oilseeds production at the end of 11th Plan (2011-12) was 29.80 million tonnes which has increased to 31 million tonnes in 2012-13. For further increasing the production of oilseeds a centrally sponsored scheme National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is being implemented during XII Plan with an outlay of Rs 3507 crore. The Mission aims at area expansion under oilpalm and incentivising the use of critical inputs including seeds of high yielding varieties and hybrids of oilseeds in different states through three mini missions i.e. (i) Mini Mission-I on development of 9 major oilseed crops covering 18 States; (ii) Mini Mission-II on area expansion and development of oil palm covering 12 major potential States; and (iii) Mini Mission-III on promotion of Tree Borne Oilseeds covering 22 states.

(d): For the 12th Plan a growth target of 4% has been set for the agriculture sector. For the overall development of the agriculture sector Planning Commission has identified the following as key drivers of growth:

- # viability of farm enterprise and returns to investment that depend on scale, market access, prices and risk;
- # availability and dissemination of appropriate technologies that depend on quality of research and extent of skill development;
- # plan expenditure on agriculture and in infrastructure which together with policy must aim to improve functioning of markets and more efficient use of natural resources; and
- # governance in terms of institutions that make possible better delivery of services like credit, animal health and of quality inputs like seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and farm machinery.

As a follow up on the above strategy the Centre has projected to more than double its plan expenditure on agriculture and allied sectors during 12th Plan. The allocation for RKVY is being raised to Rs 63,246 crore for 12th plan from actual expenditure of Rs 22,426 crore during 11th plan. The 12th plan Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for all other schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture is Rs.1,11,232 crore against corresponding 11th plan actual expenditure of Rs 53,171 crore.