

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALLOCATION TO AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage-wise amount allocated to the agriculture sector from the total budget during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the budget allocation for promoting the agriculture sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ? ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): The percentage-wise amount allocated to Agriculture and Allied Activities in Central Plan Outlay from 2006-07 is given in the following table:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Agriculture and Allied Activities	Agriculture and Allied Activities	Total	Percent allocation to
1	2	3	4	5
2006-07 (RE)	7,391.65	2,44,229.26	3.0%	
2007-08 (RE)	8,544.33	2,92,337.01	2.9%	
2008-09 (RE)	9,969.33	3,88,077.90	2.6%	
2009-10 (BE)	10,628.81	4,47,921.31	2.4%	

Source: Statement 13 of Union Expenditure Budget, Volume 1 for 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10

(b), (c) & (d): To provide a thrust to the Agriculture and Allied Sectors, budgetary support in the Eleventh Five Year Plan has been increased to Rs. 50,924 crore in sectoral allocation of the Centre's Public Sector Resources from the Tenth Plan realization level of Rs. 26,108 crore which indicates 95% step-up in Plan allocation. A major programme, namely, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana has been launched in 11th Plan with an allocation of Rs. 25,000 crore, which is in the nature of 100% grant-in-aid to the States/UTs.

Further, agriculture sector is the main beneficiary of the food and fertilizer subsidies which are budgeted under the non-plan expenditure in the Union Budget. Figures in respect of food and fertilizer subsidy are presented in the following table:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Food Subsidy	Fertilizer Subsidy
1	2	3
2006-07 (Actual)	24,014	26,222
2007-08 (Actual)	31,328	32,490
2008-09 (Actual)	43,627	75,849
2009-10 (BE)	52,490	49,980

Source: - Union Expenditure Budget 2009-10, Volume 1, Annexure-3.1