

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Contribution of Agriculture in GDP

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the contribution of agriculture and allied sectors has increased in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the growth rate of agriculture during the said period;
- (c) whether investment in agriculture sector has decreased in proportion to GDP during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase investment for sustainable development of agriculture sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) to (c): As per estimates released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), details of the contribution of agriculture and allied sector in the total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the economy, growth rate of GDP of this sector and the proportion of Investment/ Gross Capital Formation(GCF) in agriculture and allied sector to the total GDP of the economy during each of the last three years and the current year i.e. 2011-12 to 2014-15 are given below:

(per cent)

Year Contribution of agriculture & allied sector in the total GDP of economy

(at current prices) Growth rate of agriculture & allied sector

(at 2011-12 prices) Proportion of GCF in agriculture & allied sector to total GDP of economy(at current prices)

2011-12 18.4 - 3.4

2012-13 18.0 1.2 2.8

2013-14 18.0 3.7 2.7

2014-15 17.0 0.2 -

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As per the 12th Plan document of Planning Commission, the decrease in proportion of investment in agriculture & allied sector to GDP of total economy has been mainly on account of shortfall in the planned investment in irrigation.

(d) & (e): Agriculture being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of State Governments to take necessary steps for the holistic development of agriculture. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various crop development Schemes/Programmes and it has taken several steps for increasing investment, improving farm practices, rural infrastructure, areas under protective irrigation, delivery of credit, technology, other inputs, extension, marketing etc.

The steps initiated to optimize investments in agriculture sector include enhanced institutional credit to farmers; promotion of scientific warehousing infrastructure for increasing shelf life of agricultural produce; improved access to irrigation through Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana; provision of Price Stabilization Fund to mitigate price volatility in agricultural produce, Scheme for Soil Health Cards; setting up of Agri-tech Infrastructure Fund for making farming competitive and profitable; developing commercial organic farming in North East Region, etc.
