

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:38  
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GROWTH IN FARM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the growth rate in the farm sector is on the decrease in the country over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons identified for decreasing farm production and productivity;
- (c) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the agricultural production and productivity in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure sustainable growth of farm sector to meet the food security of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 38 DUE FOR REPLY ON 08TH JULY, 2014.

(a) & (b): The growth rate of agriculture (including agriculture, livestock, forestry and fishery subsectors) has shown improvement from 2.5% during the 9th Plan (2002- 07) and 2.4% during the 10th Plan (2007-12) to 4.1% during the 11th Plan. As per the latest estimates released by Central Statistics Office, growth rate of Agriculture and Allied sectors (including agriculture, livestock, forestry and fishery subsectors) is 1.4% during 2012-13 and 4.7% during 2013-14.

Further, the productivity of food grains has increased from 1535 Kg./Hectare in 2002-03 to 2095 Kg./Hectare in 2013-14 and the production of food grains has increased from 174.8 million tonnes in 2002-03 to 264.2 million tonnes in 2013-14.

(c) & (d): Government has taken several steps to increase agricultural production and productivity and to ensure sustainable growth of the farm sector to meet the requirements of food security by increasing investment, improving farm practices, rural infrastructure and delivery of credit, technology and other inputs and providing remunerative prices for farm produce through increased Minimum Support Prices (MSPs), higher level of procurement and competitive markets. Further, several programmes/schemes for the development of agriculture sector are implemented in a decentralized manner with flexibility to State Governments to formulate and implement appropriate projects to suit their specific requirements.