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INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the public investment in the agriculture sector in proportion to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) whether the public investment in the agriculture sector is stagnant at 3 percent of the GDP in the country during the above period;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government to frame and implement new policies for inviting more public investment in the agriculture sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c): As per the latest Estimates released by Central Statistics Office (CSO), the public sector capital formation/investment in the agriculture sector in proportion to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the last three years and the current year is tabulated below:

(at 2004-05 prices)

Year	Public sector capital formation in the agriculture sector in proportion to the GDP of Agriculture & Allied Sectors (In percent)	Public sector capital formation in the agriculture sector in proportion to the GDP of the country (in percent)
2009-10	3.4	0.5
2010-11	2.8	0.4
2011-12	2.8	0.4
2012-13	3.1	0.4

Based on the above data, the public investment in the agriculture sector is stagnant around 3 percent of the GDP of Agriculture & Allied Sectors in the country. As per the 12th Plan document, this was mainly because of shortfall in planned investment in irrigation.

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

The steps initiated recently 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, mission mode scheme for Soil Health Cards; setting up of agri-tech infrastructure fund for making farming competitive and profitable; and to develop commercial organic farming in North East Region.