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AGRICULTURAL GROWTH

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a significant decline in the growth rate of agriculture sector in the recent past in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the schemes being implemented by the Government to increase the growth rate of agriculture in the country;
- (c) whether the current level of investment in agriculture sector is inadequate to achieve the projected target of agricultural growth in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of facilities/assistance provided to the States to incentivise their contribution in the growth of agriculture sector during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the action plan of the Government to boost the agricultural growth and make agriculture a major source of income for rural youth in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a):The average growth rate of agriculture sector (including agriculture, livestock, forestry and fishery subsectors) has shown improvement from 2.5 per cent during the 9th Plan and 2.4 per cent during the 10th Plan to 4.1 per cent during the 11th Plan. Further, for the 12th Plan (2012-17), a growth target of 4 per cent has been set for the agriculture sector.

(b): The previous 51 schemes of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) have been restructured into 5 Centrally Sponsored schemes namely Mission for Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission of Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET) and National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and 5 Central Sector schemes namely Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Marketing (ISAM), Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Cooperation (ISAC), Integrated Scheme on Agri-Census & Statistics (ISAC&S), National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP) and Secretariat Economic Service (SES) and 1 State Plan scheme namely Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to increase the growth rate of agriculture in the country.

(c): The details of current level of investment in terms of Gross Capital Formation (GCF)/ Investment, in the agriculture sector during 2007-08 to 2012-13 at 2004-05 prices are as follows:

Year	Gross Capital Formation in Agriculture and Allied Sectors (in Rs. crore)	GDP (in Rs. crore)	Agriculture and Allied Sectors (%)	Share of GCF in GDP (%)		
	Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total

2007-08	23257	82484	105741	655080	3.6	12.6	16.1
2008-09	20572	106555	127127	655689	3.1	16.3	19.4
2009-10	22693	110470	133162	660987	3.4	16.7	20.1
2010-11	19856	112877	132734	717814	2.8	15.7	18.5
2011-12	21185	135987	157172	753832	2.8	18.0	20.8
2012-13	23887	138196	162084	764510	3.1	18.1	21.2

Source: Central Statistics Office(CSO)

As per the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) document, the Plan will aim to realise public investment in agriculture to 4 per cent agricultural GDP.

(d): A statement giving scheme-wise allocation, release & expenditure during the last three years and current year is annexed.

(e): Government has taken several steps to boost the agricultural growth and make agriculture a major source of income for rural youth

in the country, 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.