

Sample Surveys Organisation, 54.2% of the workforce was engaged in agriculture sector on usual principal status basis in 2004-05. As per the National Accounts Statistics brought out by the Central Statistical Organization, the Gross Domestic Product from agriculture was 18.8% during the same year.

(c) and (d) For the rural economy the Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at achieving a growth rate of 4% in agriculture sector combined with infrastructural support for non-agricultural activity in order to reduce the disparities in incomes. For that there is a focus on improving rural connectivity, scaling up of irrigation potential creation, watershed management, rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge, revitalization of the extension system which links universities and best practices to farmers, etc. The Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and Accelerated Power Development Reform Programme (APDRP) are being implemented to augment irrigation and power respectively. Bharat Nirman is a time-bound business plan for action in rural infrastructure over the four-year period (2005 and 2009). Under Bharat Nirman, action is proposed in the areas of irrigation, rural roads, rural housing, rural water supply, rural electrification and rural telecommunication connectivity.

Investment on infrastructure and agriculture

3122. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has estimated an investment of about \$320 billion over the next five years in removing bottlenecks in creation of infrastructure, funding the growth of Agriculture, etc.;

(b) if so, whether the proposed funds would be taken partly from our Foreign Exchange Reserves and partly from mobilizing funds from abroad; and

(c) whether Planning Commission is also thinking of public-private partnership for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) A preliminary macro level exercise done by the Planning Commission had estimated an investment of about US \$ 350 billion during 2007-12 in infrastructure, comprising of irrigation, electricity, wind energy, gas, water supply, ports, airports, railways, communication, roads and storage. These estimates will, however, be reassessed in the light of the Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) All possible avenues including use of a small part of our foreign exchange reserves without the risk of monetary expansion, mobilization of funds from abroad and initiating public-private partnerships in infrastructure are being explored for development and financing of infrastructure.

Funds allocated to Bihar

3123. SHRI TARIQANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to Bihar during the last three years under various schemes;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the utilization of these funds by the State Government; and

(c) if not, the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The approved outlays for the Annual Plans of Bihar and expenditure for the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Approved Outlay	Expenditure	% Expend. to Allocation
2004-05	4,000.00	3,196.47	80
2005-06	5,329.65	4,465.50	84
2006-07	8,250.00	8,670.87*	105

* Revised Outlay