

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) As per the Eleventh Plan document, to achieve four per cent agricultural growth target, total (public & private) investment in the agriculture sector should be 16% of the agricultural Gross Domestic Product, public investment being about 4%.

(c) and (d) Public investment in Agriculture and Allied Sector and its Quantum increase.

|         |   | Rs. in Crores (at 2004-05 prices) |  |  |   |
|---------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Year    | Investment in Agriculture & Allied Sector |                                   | Gross Domestic product Agriculture & Allied Sector | Share of Public Investment (Agri. & Allied) to GDP (Agri. & Allied Sector) | Share of Investment (Agri. & Allied) to GDP (Agri. & Allied Sector) |
|         | Public                                    | Total                             |  |  |   |
| 2005-06 | 19909                                     | 93121                             | 589697   | 3.4  | 21.4  |
| 2006-07 | 22978                                     | 94400                             | 611409   | 3.8  | 24.3  |
| 2007-08 | 23039                                     | 110006                            | 640315   | 3.6  | 20.9  |
| 2008-09 | 24452                                     | 138597                            | 650461   | 3.8  | 17.6  |

Source: Central Statistical Organization

Public Investment in Agriculture increased to Rs.23039 Crore and Rs.24452 Crore in 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively from Rs.22978 Crore in 2006-07.

#### Target for growth of agriculture production

†2904. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target of growth of agriculture production has been fixed at four per cent;

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(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this target was the same for Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plan periods;

(c) if not, the facts thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this target has not been achieved so far from Ninth Five Year Plan to Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) As per the Eleventh Plan document the target growth of 4 per cent is set for Agriculture & Allied Sector during the Plan period (2007-12).

(b) and (c) The target growth for Agriculture and Allied Sector for the Tenth and Eleventh Plan period is fixed at four per cent. For the Ninth Plan period the target set was 4.5 per cent.

(d) The following table gives the target growth rate and actual average growth rate for the Plan periods.

| Period                    | Target Growth Rate | Actual average Growth Rate |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Ninth Plan (1997-2002)    | 4.5                | 2.5#                       |
| Tenth Plan (2002-2007)    | 4                  | 2.5#                       |
| Eleventh Plan (2007-2012) | 4                  | 3.15@                      |

\* during 2007-08 and 2008-09

# For 9th and 10th Plan the figures are at 1999-2000 prices

@ For 11th Plan the figures are at 2004-05 prices

(e) To incentivize the States to increase investment in Agriculture and Allied Sector to achieve targeted growth, Government has launched several Schemes which include:

(i) A Plan Scheme, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana has been launched during 2007-08 to achieve 4% agricultural growth during 11th Five Year Plan in Agriculture and Allied sector.

(ii) Another, Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)" has been launched in 312 identified districts of 17 States with an aim to achieve additional production of 20 million tonnes of foodgrains by the end of Eleventh Plan (2011-12).

(iii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Horticulture Mission" for holistic development of horticulture sector was launched in 2005-06. Improvement in production and productivity, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management and marketing are the major programmes of the scheme.

(iv) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) has been launched to provide assistance for purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation seeds and distribution of seed mini-kits, distribution of plant protection equipments, etc.

(v) Macro Management of Agriculture and Integrated Cereals Development Programmes etc. has also been launched to augment production.

#### **Price hike of milk**

†2905. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times and the time when the prices of milk have increased in Delhi during last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the production of milk increases from July with beginning of rains;

(c) the number of times the prices of milk were increased in July, 2010 and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would take any steps to control prices of milk; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The price of milk was increased six times in Delhi during last two years by Delhi Milk Scheme and

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