

genotypes screened in Kenya, 40 released varieties were found to be resistant to Ug99. Out of these varieties, 22 varieties namely DBW17, DDK1009, DL153-2, DL788-2, HD4672, HI8498, HI8627, HP1744, HP1761, HS295, HS420, HUW234, LOK-1, MACS2846, NIDW295, NW2036, PDW291, UP2338, VL829, WH147, WH542 and WH896 are in seed production chain for commercial cultivation in India.

(c) The varieties found resistant to Ug99 are already in commercial cultivation in different production systems of wheat growing areas of the country.

(d) There is a constant survey and surveillance by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in areas prone to the Ug99. At present, this disease is not prevalent in the Indian Territory. However, the breeding programmes are continuing to develop still better improved varieties possessing resistance to Ug99 and higher yield potential.

(e) Keeping in view the deficit of water in different areas, there is need of seeds that can yield more with less water consumption. The water efficient improved wheat varieties namely NIAW 917, JW3020, COW(W)1, HS 490, VL892, MP3211 and HD2987 have been released.

#### **Investment in agriculture sector**

†2903. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to get four per cent annual growth rate in agriculture sector during Eleventh Five Year Plan, it was estimated that expenditure of Government on agriculture sector is required to be increased by 12 per cent annually from the level of 2006-07;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether investment was made in agriculture sector on this basis at Government level; and

(d) if so, the quantum of annual average investment increased at Government level from 2006-07 to 2009-10?

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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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