

Private investment in agriculture sector

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(a) to what extent Government has succeeded in bringing in more private investment in agriculture sector;

(b) the details of private sector and public investment in agriculture sector during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) to what extent schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds, etc., help in attracting private investment in agriculture sector?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Private sector investment in agriculture and allied sector has been increasing over the years. The details of the public and private sector investment in agriculture and allied sector during the years 2004-05 to 2008-09 at constant (2004-05) prices are given below:

Year	Investment in Agriculture & Allied Sector (Rs. in crores)		
	[at constant (2004-05) prices]		
	Public Sector	Private sector	Total
2004-05	16183	62665	78848
2005-06	19909	73212	93121
2006-07	22978	71422	94400
2007-08	23039	86967	110006
2008-09	24452	114145	138597

Source: Central Statistical Organisation.

Details of State-wise investments are not compiled by Central Statistical Organisation.

Several schemes including Terminal Market Scheme, Rural Godown Scheme, National Horticulture Mission, National Horticulture Board Scheme, National Mission on Micro Irrigation, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds, etc. promote the development of agriculture infrastructure and thereby have attracted investment by Private sector.