

Equating agriculture with industry in terms of GDP

473. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to bring agriculture and allied field at par with industry in terms of GDP instead of keeping agriculture at four per cent or five per cent; and

(b) if so, whether Twelfth Five Year Plan will reflect the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT):
(a) and (b) The Approach Paper to the Twelfth Five Year Plan has projected that Agriculture Sector has to grow at 4% to be consistent with Growth Rate of 9% for the economy as a whole.

Area under production of pulses and oilseeds

474. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area coverage under pulses and oilseeds respectively;

(b) whether there is any increase in the area under coverage during last ten years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of production of pulses and oilseeds during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT):
(a) As per the 4th Advance Estimates for 2010-11 released on 19.07.2011, the area coverage under pulses and oilseeds in the country is estimated at 26.28 million hectares and 26.82 million hectares respectively.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The area coverage under pulses has increased from 22.01 million hectares in 2001-02 to 26.28 million hectares in 2010-11 (4th Advance Estimates). During this period, the area coverage under oilseeds increased from 22.64 million hectares to 26.82 million hectares.

(d) Details of production of pulses and oilseeds during the last three years *i.e.* 2008-09 to 2010-11 are as under:—

Crops	Production (Million tonnes)		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11*
Pulses	14.57	14.66	18.09
Oilseeds	27.72	24.88	31.10

* 4th Advance Estimates released on 19.07.2011.