

(a) whether it is a fact that the milk business was being done by organized companies of private sector and co-operative institutions in the country in 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details of the turn over of these sectors during that period separately;

(c) whether the number of institutions of organised private sector has increased in comparison to the institutions of cooperative sector in this area in 2011-12; and

(d) if so, the number of institutions in both sectors in 2011-2012 separately and the quantity of milk produced in the country in 2005-2006 and 2011-2012 respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) Yes.

(b) Information on turn over of co-operatives and private sectors is not available with this Department.

(c) The number of institutions registered under Milk and Milk Products Regulations, 1992 (MMPR, 1992) of organized private sector has increased in comparison to the institutions of co-operative sector in 2011-12

(d) Details of milk processing units registered upto 2005-06 and 2011-12 (upto 04.08.2011) under MMPR, 1992 of private sector and co-operative sector are as under:—

Sector	Number of Milk Processing Units		Capacity (in lakh litres per day)	
	31.03.2006	04.08.2011	31.03.2006	04.08.2011
Co-operative	246	262	365.69	430.30
Private	493	766	460.85	737.81

The quantity of milk produced in the country in 2005-06 was 97.1 million tonnes and the anticipated milk production in 2011-12 is 127.29 million tonnes.

#### Investment in agricultural sector

4658. SHRI KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total investment as measured by gross fixed capital formation in the agriculture sector has declined since Green Revolution in the 1970s;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase public and private sector investment in the agricultural sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) As per the latest estimates released by Central Statistics Office (CSO), the total gross fixed capital formation in Agriculture and Allied Sectors has increased from Rs. 19882 crore in 1970-71 to Rs. 125221 crore in 2010-11 at 2004-05 prices.

(c) The Government of India has launched several schemes to increase investment in agriculture sector, such as, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Gramin Bhandaran Yojana etc. In addition, Government has substantially improved the availability of farm credit; implemented a rehabilitation package for areas with higher agrarian stress; implemented a massive programme of debt waiver; introduced better crop insurance schemes; increased Minimum Support Price (MSP) to improve investment in the farm sector.

#### **Availability of agricultural land**

4659. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land available for agricultural activities in the country is decreasing year after year;

(b) if so, the details thereof for last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether this continuous decrease in land area would have impact on the food security of the country; and

(d) the efforts being made to sustain the food security of the country and to retain the land available for agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) As per the Land Use Statistics data compiled by Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, the land available for agricultural activities/cultivable land in the country has come down to 182.5 million hectares during 2009-10 as compared to 182.7 million hectares during 2007-