

1	2	3
		<p>ST farmers). Maximum permissible capital subsidy is Rs.30,000 (Rs.40,000 for SC/ST farmers) for a 5 calf unit. Subsidy shall be restricted on a pro-rata basis depending on the unit-size.</p> <p>Unit cost is Rs.4.80 lakh for 20 calves unit - minimum unit size is 5 calves with an upper limit of 20 calves.</p>

#### **World Agriculture Congress**

160. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is set to host the World Agriculture Congress next year under the theme of Reshaping Agriculture for a Sustainable Future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has prepared the agenda for the event; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) World Agriculture Forum (WAF) conducts their Biennial Congresses at different places. In response to invitation extended by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, WAF has decided to hold their next Biennial Congress for the year 2013 at Hyderabad on the theme "Reshaping Agriculture for a Sustainable Future".

(b) As per the response received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, WAF is a policy neutral and not for profit international Non-Government organization based in the USA. According to the details available on their website [www.worldagforum.com](http://www.worldagforum.com), the mission of WAF is to catalyse development of action plans that meet world's growing need for food, fiber, fuel and water. WAF Agriculture Congress is scheduled to be held from November 04-07, 2013 at Hyderabad.

The Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh is the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee set up for organizing the World Agriculture Congress.

(c) and (d) Draft Agenda of WAF 2013 Congress is available on the website of the Forum. However, the Andhra Pradesh Government may ask the organizers to modify it after taking into consideration the suggestions to be made by all stakeholders including Government.

#### **Agricultural growth rate**

†161. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the status of agriculture growth rate in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that agriculture growth is lower than the expectation; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to increase the agriculture growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) and (b) As against the targeted Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 4% in the Eleventh Plan period (2007-08 to 2011-12) Agriculture and Allied Sectors registered a growth rate of 1.0 % in 2009-10 and 7.0% in 2010-11 at 2004-05 prices as per the quick estimates released by Central Statistics Office (CSO) on 31st January, 2012. Further, as per the revised estimates released by CSO on 31st May, 2012. Agriculture and Allied Sectors is estimated to grow at 2.8% in 2011-12 at 2004-05 prices. There are year to year fluctuations in the growth rates, primarily due to fluctuation in weather as vast cultivated area is still rainfed. However, Agriculture and Allied Sectors have shown improvement in performance by registering an average Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 3.3% during the Eleventh Plan, which is higher than the average growth rate of 2.4% during the Tenth Plan and 2.5% during the Ninth Plan Periods.

(c) The Government of India has launched several schemes to increase the agricultural growth rate 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.

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.