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7	Zonal Project Directors	03
8	Joint Directors of ICAR Institutes of Deemed University Status	05
9	Joint Directors of ICAR Institute	03
10	Project Coordinators	16
11	Head of Divisions/Head of Regional Stations	122
12	Principal Scientists	91
13	Senior Scientists	189
14	Programme Coordinators	12
TOTAL		505

\* Senior Scientific Positions have been exempted from the purview of reservation orders in terms of Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum dated 23.06.1975.

#### **Contribution of agriculture in GDP**

2051. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether contribution of agriculture to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is declining;

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

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme for investment in agriculture to augment its contribution to the GDP; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) and (b) As per the First Revised Estimates released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) on 31st January, 2013, the contribution of Agriculture and Allied Sector to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country at 2004-05 prices declined from 14.6% in 2009-10 to 14.5% in 2010-11 and further to 14.1% in 2011-12. Further, as per the Advance Estimates released by CSO on 7th February, 2013, contribution of agriculture to the GDP is likely to decline to 13.7% in 2012-13. The decline in contribution of agriculture to GDP is on account of comparatively higher growth in GDP of non-agriculture sectors.

(c) and (d) Government has launched several schemes to augment investment in agriculture 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 the country.

#### **Decline in production of foodgrains**

2052. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after a record production of foodgrains in the two consecutive years, the production is likely to decline this year;

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

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) and (b) Details of production of foodgrains during the last two years and the current year are as under:

Year	Production (Million Tonnes)
2010-11	244.49
2011-12	259.32
2012-13*	250.14

\*2nd Advance Estimates.

Total production of foodgrains during the current year has been lower due to decline in kharif production on account of delayed/deficient rainfall during monsoon season.

(c) To overcome the shortfall in agricultural production during 2012-13, the States were suggested to prepare district-wise Contingency Plans based on the Contingency Agriculture Plan prepared by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. States were advised to take into account districts-specific Crop Contingent Plans developed by Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Further, the States were also advised to achieve higher Rabi production through additional area coverage in the major crop producing States of the country.