

available Land Use Statistics 2011-12, the total area of cultivable land in the country is 182 million hectares out of which net sown area is 140.8 million hectares, net irrigated area is 65.3 million hectares and net un-irrigated (land dependent on Monsoon) area is 75.5 million hectares.

(c) Irrigation being a State Subject, water resources are planned and executed by the respective State Governments from their own resources. However, various projects, which cannot be completed by State Governments from their own resources and are in an advanced stage of construction, are provided grants under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for Major/Medium Irrigation (MMI) Projects by the Ministry of Water Resources. Minor Irrigation (MI) projects are also provided assistance as per guidelines.

Allocation of amount for development of agriculture

†649. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether about 70 per cent of the total population is dependent on agriculture in the country;

(b) if so, the amount in percentage of GDP allocated for development of agriculture in the current financial year; and

(c) whether this allocated amount is sufficient in proportion to the population and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIA) : (a) to (c) As per the Census 2011, out of 481.9 million total workers in the country, 263.1 million total workers (118.8 million cultivators and 144.3 million agricultural labourers), indicating that nearly 54.6 per cent of the workers are engaged in agricultural activities.

According to latest National Accounts Statistics (2014), released by Central Statistics Office (CSO), the ratio of agricultural expenditure to GDP is as under:-

	(Figures in ₹ Cr.)	
	2011-12	2012-13 (RE)
GDP (at current prices)	9009722	10113281
Expenditure for agricultural purposes*	213147	243637
% of GDP	2.37	2.41

*Expenditure includes transfers, subsidies and investment for agricultural purposes.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.