

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:106  
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2003  
INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the extent of investment made in the Agricultural Sector during the last three years;
- (b) whether the circumstances were not conducive for investment in this sector;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) the extent of shortfall in investment in this sector as compared to the previous decade;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to augment the capital investment; and
- (f) the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 106 DUE FOR REPLY ON 28TH JULY, 2003.

(a) to (d): The figures of investment in agriculture and allied sectors measured in terms of Gross Capital Formation(GCF) at 1993-94 prices for the years 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 are Rs. 20,024 crore, Rs.19,578 crore and Rs.21,140 crore respectively. The average annual GCF in agriculture in real terms (at 1993-94 prices) increased from Rs.14,283 crore in 1980s to Rs.17,136 crore in the 1990s.

(e) & (f): The Government have taken a number of steps to augment capital formation in agriculture. These include remunerative prices for agricultural commodities through announcement of Minimum Support Prices for Kharif and Rabi crops, supply of timely credit at reasonable cost, supply of crucial inputs like fertilizers and seeds, and strengthening of rural infrastructure through construction of rural godowns, cold storages etc.