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PERFORMANCE OF FARM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farm sector could not perform well during the Ninth and the Tenth Plans;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to pay greater attention to the growth of farm sector in the Eleventh Plan;
- (d) if so, the growth rate target set therefor; and
- (e) the measures proposed to be adopted to achieve the growth rate ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Yes, sir.

(b): The Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) has mentioned many reasons for poor performance of the agriculture sector since the mid 1990s i.e. the Ninth Plan. These include several poor monsoons, continued dependence of agriculture on the rainfall, weakening of domestic demand as well as slow down in export demand, declining investment in agriculture and allied sectors, failure to carry out essential reforms to conserve water and soil, unabated degradation of natural resources and weakened support systems such as agricultural research, extension, credit etc.

(c) to (e): Eleventh Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated.