

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL CONTRIBUTION IN EXPORT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage of agricultural contribution in the total export of the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to bring about any policy changes to make agriculture export oriented and to ensure more capital investment in the agriculture sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the procedure to be followed by Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The contribution of agricultural exports to total exports of the country during 2004-05 was 11.2%.

(b)to(d): Steps have been taken to increase the competitiveness of Indian agriculture, so that exports can increase. Towards this end, the Government has introduced a number of initiatives and interventions for enhancement of production and productivity of agricultural products, which inter-alia, include Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM), National Horticulture Mission and Integrated Cereal Development Programmes. Schemes such as the Transport Assistance Scheme and Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojna are being implemented to ensure that the farmers get remunerative prices for their exports as well as increased access to the international market.

In the last five years, the public sector investment in agriculture has increased significantly from Rs. 7754 crore in the year 1999-2000 (at 1999-00 price) to Rs.12591 crore in the year 2004-05 (at 1999-00 price).

Major measures taken for agricultural development through enhanced capital formation, interalia, include agricultural diversification; agriculture marketing infrastructure, repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies; and micro irrigation, micro finance, micro-insurance and rural credit.