

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ACHIEVEMENT OF SECOND GREEN REVOLUTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth rate of agriculture recorder in the country during the first three years of the Tenth Plan period;
- (b) whether this is sufficient to achieve the second green revolution;
- (c) if so, the details there about;
- (d) the total arable and barren lands as on date;
- (e) the area of such lands under cultivation in the country;
- (f) whether the Government has any plan to bring the barren lands under cultivation;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the total number of idle agricultural labourers in the country as on date?

Answer

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

(a): According to the data released by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) with revised base year (i.e. 1999-2000 prices), the growth rate in the agriculture and allied sectors in the first three years of Tenth Plan Period is given below:

Year Growth rate % in agriculture and allied sectors at
1999 - 2000 prices

2002 - 03	-6.9
2003 - 04	10.0
2004 - 05	0.7

(b) & (c): A series of initiatives through various schemes have been taken by the Government in the areas of increased credit coverage, irrigation expansion, crop diversification, marketing infrastructure, dryland farming, horticulture, extension services and storage facilities to enhance production and productivity in the agricultural sector. This process is being strengthened through farm mechanization, agri-clinics and agri-business centres. The areas for high investment include micro-irrigation comprising drip and sprinkler irrigation, National Horticulture Mission, having end-to-end approach. These initiatives are expected to generate employment and income in the sector apart from accelerating growth and productivity.

(d) & (e): The total arable land in the country is 182.7 million hectares and the total barren land is 18.0 million hectares. The land under cultivation is 154.3 million hectares constituting 76.9 percent of the total of both arable and barren lands.

(f) & (g): The Government is implementing various programmes for the development of waste land / degraded land through watershed development approach. These are : i) Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP); ii) Desert Development Programme (DDP); iii) Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP); iv) Technology Development, Extension & Training (TDET); v) Investment Promotion Scheme (IPS); vi) Support to NGOs; and vii) The Wastelands Development Task Force (WDTF).

(h): According to the quinquennial Survey of 55th Round conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1999-2000, the total number of persons employed in agriculture on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) is 238 million and on Current Daily Status (CDS) is 191 million. This indicates disguised unemployment in agriculture.