

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the rate of employment in Agriculture sector;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to make budgetary provisions in proportion to the said rate of employment; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): As per the quinquennial surveys on estimates of employment and unemployment of the National Sample Survey Organisation conducted in 1993-94 and 1999-2000, employment in agriculture has increased very marginally. However, as per NSS 60th Round of employment and unemployment survey, during the year 2004, according to usual status, out of 1000 persons employed in rural areas, 703 were in Agriculture sector.

(b)&(c): As per the estimates provided by CSO, the total investment (capital formation) in Agriculture sector was Rs.67,561 crores (at current prices) which was 2.16 per cent of total GDP in the year 2004-05 and 7.9 per cent of the total investments in the country.

It may be mentioned that budget provisions are also made by the Central Government for agricultural development, irrigation, rural development, forestry and fisheries and other allied activities which generate employment in Agriculture sector. Provisions for the following areas/sectors have been made in the budget 2006-07, which, inter-alia, have a positive impact on the generation of employment in Agriculture sector;

1. Agriculture	Rs.6,927 crores
2. Rural Development	Rs.24,026 crores
3. Water Resources	Rs.700 crores
4. Fertilizers	Rs.985 crores
5. Agro and Rural Industries	Rs.967 crores
Total:	Rs.33,605 crores