

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSESSMENT OF ANNUAL GROWTH RATE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to assessment of the Government the annual rate of growth in agriculture during the year 2005-2006 has improved;
- (b) if so, the details and extent thereof during the said period;
- (c) the details of the foodgrains which made maximum contribution in this growth alongwith the percentage share of each item in growth; and
- (d) the foodgrains which recorded a decline in production as compared to previous year?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): During the year 2005-06, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of agriculture (including livestock) sector at constant (1999-2000) prices, recorded a growth rate of 6.3 per cent, as against (-) 0.2 per cent in the year 2004-05.

(c): Among the foodgrains, the crops rice (growth rate of 9.5% in value of output), jowar (growth rate of 10.1% in value of output), maize (growth rate of 6.4% in value of output) and tur (growth rate of 9.4% in value of output) made maximum contribution in the year 2005-06. These crops contributed 12.3%, 0.9% and 0.7% respectively in the total value of output of agriculture and livestock in the year 2005-06.

(d): The foodgrains which recorded decline in production during 2005-06 as compared to 2004-05, are bajra, ragi, small millets, other kharif pulses and other rabi pulses.