

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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CRISIS IN FARM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the farm sector has been experiencing severe crisis in the country for the past few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has drawn any road map/chalked out any plan to bring the farm sector out of the crisis; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocations being made for this sector during the coming 11th Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Agriculture sector in the country is going through a difficult phase mainly due to deceleration in agricultural growth from 3.2% per annum for the period 1980 to 1996-97 to a growth rate of around 2% per annum subsequently. Other challenges faced by the sector include stagnant productivity of crops, deteriorating profitability and lack of adequate infrastructure facilities.

(c)&(d): The Government has already taken a number of initiatives like announcing Agriculture Credit Policy to increase flow of credit to the sector, Kisan credit card scheme, revamping of cooperative credit structure, reforming agriculture market and setting up of National Horticulture Mission and National Rainfed Authority etc. The agricultural growth is proposed to be improved to about 4% during the 11th Plan period through different measures and initiatives.

Allocations for agriculture sector for 11th Five Year Plan has not yet been finalized.