

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GROWTH RATE FOR AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the rate of growth targeted and achieved in the agriculture sector in the country including Tamil Nadu during the year 2009-10, State-wise;
- (b) the growth rate fixed for agriculture for the entire period of the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (c) the growth rate achieved so far; and
- (d) the steps being taken to achieve the target set for agriculture growth for the 11th Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): As per the Eleventh Plan document the target growth rate of 4 per cent is set for Agriculture & Allied Sector during the Plan period (2007-12). State-wise growth of GDP in Agriculture and Allied Sector for the year 2009-10 is not available. A statement showing growth in GDP in the Agriculture & Allied Sector for the year 2008-09 is at Annexure. In the first two years of the Eleventh Plan, Agriculture and Allied Sector recorded a growth rate of 4.7 per cent in 2007-08 and 1.6 per cent in 2008-09.

(d): To incentivize the states to increase investment in Agriculture and Allied Sector to achieve the growth rate of 4 percent as envisaged in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, Government has launched several Schemes which include

- 1) A Plan Scheme, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana has been launched during 2007-08 to achieve 4% agricultural growth during 11th Five Year Plan in Agriculture and Allied Sector.
- 2) Another, Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)" has been launched in 312 identified districts of 17 States with an aim to achieve additional production of 20 million tones of food grains by the end of Eleventh Plan (2011-12).
- 3) Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Horticulture Mission" for holistic development of horticulture sector was launched in 2005-06. Improvement in production and productivity, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management and marketing are the major programmes of the Scheme.
- 4) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) has been launched which provides assistance for purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation seeds and distribution of seed mini-kits, distribution of plant protection equipments, etc.