

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1839

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 04, 2026 /13 Shrawana, 1948 (*Saka*)

Impact of monsoon on GDP

1839. Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of impact of current monsoon performance (deficient/uneven rainfall) on agriculture sector GDP contribution, overall growth projections for 2026-27 and food inflation trajectory;
- (b) the Fiscal Deficit, tax collections and expenditure trends, any mid-course corrections due to weather, for first quarter of financial year 2026-27;
- (c) additional fiscal support or relaxations announced for agriculture, rural economy or disaster relief;
- (d) the progress on key Budget 2026-27 announcements related to agri-infrastructure, rural credit or climate-resilient farming; and
- (e) the contingency fiscal buffers or Prime Minister package elements for monsoon-related distress?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDAHRY)

(a) The all-India cumulative southwest monsoon rainfall, as on 31 July 2026, stands at 14 per cent below the Long Period Average (LPA) and remains within the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) 'Normal' category. Kharif sowing for the agricultural year 2026-27 is underway. As Agricultural Gross Value Added (GVA) is estimated using the production approach based on crop and allied sector production estimates, and the First Advance Estimates of production for major Kharif crops for the agricultural year 2026-27 (July-June) are yet to be released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the impact of the current monsoon performance on the agriculture sector's GVA cannot be quantified at this stage. Further, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has projected real GDP growth at 6.6 per cent and CPI inflation at 5.1 per cent for 2026-27, taking into account domestic and global developments. CPI food inflation averaged 4.8 per cent during the first quarter of 2026-27, compared with 0.7 per cent in the corresponding quarter of 2025-26.

(b) The fiscal deficit, tax collections, and expenditure for the first quarter of the financial year 2026-27 are given below.

	Apr-Jun 2026 (₹ Lakh Crore)
Fiscal deficit	3.1
Gross Tax Revenue	9.0
Capital Expenditure	3.4
Revenue Expenditure	10.2

Source: Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance

(c) to (e) The key Budget 2026-27 announcements relating to agri-infrastructure, rural credit and climate-resilient farming are under implementation by the concerned Ministries and Departments. The Government is also continuously monitoring the evolving monsoon situation and its impact on the agriculture sector. Assistance to farmers and support for the rural economy continue to be available through various ongoing schemes and programmes of the Government. Disaster relief assistance is provided in accordance with the established framework under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as applicable.
