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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2742
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST AUGUST, 2017

EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE

2742. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ढादुशुआओा एवं किसान कल्याण १/२/३/४/५/६ be pleased to state:

- the percentage decrease in employment in agriculture for farmers in the country during the last three years, Year-wise;
- whether the Government has given incentives to increase employment opportunities in agriculture sector if so, the details thereof; and
- the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

ढादुशुआओा एवं किसान कल्याण १/२/३/४/५/६ (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a): As per the latest Survey on 'Employment and Unemployment Situation in India' conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the estimated workforce engaged in agriculture and allied sector has come down from 24.74 crore in 2009-10 to 23.18 crore in 2011-12, i.e., about 6 percent.

(b) & (c): Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture, including generation of employment opportunities in the sector. Union Government supplements their efforts through various policy measures and budgetary support.

With a view to increase the profitability and productivity in the agriculture sector, Government has taken several steps which include, inter alia, improving farm practices, increasing investment, creating rural infrastructure, coverage under protective irrigation, enhancement of minimum support prices of agricultural commodities, forging appropriate backward and forward linkages, etc. Furthermore, to increase the employability of workforce in agriculture, various skill development initiatives, agricultural extension and training programmes are being undertaken.
