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LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JANUARY, 2018

INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in public investment in agriculture sector during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any concrete steps to bail out the agriculture sector from the crisis?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): Public investment in agriculture and allied sectors (at 2011-12 prices) increased from Rs.35696 crore in 2011-12 to Rs.44957 crore in 2015-16. The details of the same from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (latest available) is given below:

(Rs. crore)

Year	Public Investment (at 2011-12 prices)
2011-12	35696
2012-13	36019
2013-14	33925
2014-15	36714
2015-16	44957

Source: Central Statistics Office (CSO), M/o Statistics & PI

(c): Government has taken several steps for increasing investment in agriculture sector such as enhanced institutional credit to farmers; promotion of scientific warehousing infrastructure for increasing shelf life of agricultural produce; setting up of Agri-tech Infrastructure Fund for making farming competitive and profitable; developing commercial organic farming etc.

Further, under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, which is a major scheme for incentivizing States to increase investment in agriculture and allied sectors, 35% of annual outlay has been earmarked for infrastructure and asset development.
