

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3878**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**CONTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURE TO THE ECONOMY**

3878. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that more than 50 percent of the country's workforce is employed in agriculture and it contributes about 20 percent to its GDP;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to bring a separate budget for agriculture in view of its importance to the economy; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO) during July 2019 –June 2020, the percentage of usually working persons engaged in Agriculture Sector is 45.6 percent.

As per Provisional Estimates of Annual National Income, released by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, the share of Agriculture and Allied Sectors to total Gross Value Added (GVA) of the economy is 20.2% during 2020-21 at current prices.

(c) & (d): No sir. There is no such proposal as on date.

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