

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
CONTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURE IN GDP .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the gross domestic product of the country will decrease due to the negative effect of farming in the financial year 2009-10 as a result of the effect of drought in 276 districts of the country;
- (b) if so, the assessment of contribution of agriculture in the gross domestic product;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the adverse effect on the farmers due to decrease in the above said contribution; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 135 FOR 27/11/2009 REGARDING CONTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURE IN GDP.

(a): As per the data compiled by Central Statistical Organization (CSO), the growth rate of gross domestic product (GDP) for the first quarter (April-June) of 2009-10 at 1999-2000 prices for Agriculture and allied sector and total Economy are estimated at 2.4% and 6.1 % respectively. CSO has not yet released the annual estimates of GDP for the financial year 2009-10.

(b): Share of agriculture & allied activities in the total GDP is 16.3% for the first quarter

(April-June) of 2009-10 as against 16.8% of the corresponding period of 2008-09. During 2008-09, its share in total GDP was 17.0%.

(c) & (d): The reason for decline in the share of Agriculture and allied sector in GDP is due to the structural transformation of the economy and is mainly attributed to faster growth of Mining & Quarrying, Electricity, Gas & Water Supply and Financing, Insurance, Real Estate & Business Services. With a view to taking care of the interests of farmers, apart from providing various input subsidies the Government also fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for different agricultural commodities to ensure remunerative prices for their produce which in turn facilitates higher investment and higher production in the agricultural sector. The MSP of Copra, Paddy, Arhar, Moong, Sesamum, Wheat, Barley, Gram and Safflower have been raised over their last year's MSP. A statement indicating the MSPs of Kharif and Rabi crops and Copra for 2005-06 to 2009-10 is given at Annexure.