

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1642**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/03/2018

**AGRICULTURAL GROWTH**

1642. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the growth of Agriculture sector of the country is estimated as only 2.1 per cent in 2017-18;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken/being taken by Government to improve the growth rate of Agriculture and Farming sector of the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
( SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): As per the Second Advance Estimates of National Income 2017-18 released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on 28th February, 2018 the growth rate of Gross Value Added (GVA) of agriculture and allied sector at constant (2011-12) prices for the year 2017-18 is 3.0 percent.

The CSO's approach of estimation of GVA in agriculture sector is predominantly production based. Since 2016-17 marked a record production of foodgrains and the base year 2015-16 (for calculating growth of GVA 2016-17) was a drought year, the GVA in Agriculture and Allied Sector recorded a high growth during 2016-17. In spite of a better agricultural output estimated for 2017-18, the GVA growth rate is moderate on account of the high output in the base year, viz. 2016-17.

(c): Government has launched several schemes to increase growth of agriculture sector in the country and for welfare of the farmers through increase in production and productivity of agricultural crops and to improve the income level of farmers. These include Crop Development Programmes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Mission on Agriculture Extension & Technology (NMAET), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY).

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