

Growth in agriculture

8.8 The average annual growth rate of value added in agriculture, including allied sectors, declined from 4.7 per cent during the Eighth Plan (1992-1997) to 2.1 per cent during the Ninth Plan (1997-2002) (Table 8.5). As against the targeted average annual growth rate of 4 per cent during the Tenth plan, growth rate in 2002-03, the first year of the Tenth Plan (2002-07), was negative (-7.0 per cent). This, of course, reflects the impact of the severe drought of 2002. Favorable monsoon facilitated an impressive growth rate of 9.6 per cent in 2003-04. However, deficient rainfall from the southwest monsoon is estimated to have caused a significant decline in kharif foodgrains production in the current year. As per second advance estimates of foodgrains production made by the Agriculture Ministry, total foodgrains production in the current year is expected to be 206.4 million tonnes compared to 212 million tonnes last year. The advance estimates of National Income 2004-

Five Year Plan	Growth rate of Agriculture & Allied Sectors	Overall GDP growth rate
Seventh Plan (1985-1990)	3.2	6.0
Annual Plan (1990-1992)	1.3	3.5
Eighth Plan (1992-1997)	4.7	6.7
Ninth Plan (1997-2002)	2.1	5.5
Tenth Plan (2002-2007)		
2002-03+	- 7.0	4.0
2003-04++	9.6	8.5
2004-05+++	1.1	6.9

**+ Provisional, ++ Quick estimates.
+++ Advance estimates.**
Source: CSO.

05 released by the CSO on February 7, 2005, has projected the growth rate for the agriculture and allied sectors at 1.1 per cent for the current year 2004-05.