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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/09/2020

FARMER FAMILIES IN THE COUNTRY

1448.# SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

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

(a) whether Government conducts any survey to find out the number of farmer families in the country, if so, the details of the surveys conducted during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether any criteria has been set by Government for declaring any person a farmer, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) Government of India under its Agriculture Census conducts a survey at an interval of five years to collect and compile data on operational holdings in the country. State-wise details of number of operational holdings in the country, based on the results of Agriculture Census 2015-16, are given in **Annexure.**

(b) As per National Policy for Farmers 2007, the definition of a farmer is “A person actively engaged in the economic and/or livelihood activity of growing crops and producing other primary agricultural commodities and will include all agricultural operational holders, cultivators, agricultural labourers, sharecroppers, tenants, poultry and livestock rearers, fishers, bee keepers, gardeners, pastoralists, non-corporate planters and planting labourers, as well as persons engaged in various farming related occupations such as sericulture, vermiculture, and agro-forestry. The term also includes tribal families/persons engaged in shifting cultivation and in the collection, use and sale of minor and non-timber forest produce”.

Annexure

State-wise Number of Operational Holdings as per Agriculture Census 2015-16

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number (in '000)
1	A & N Islands	12
2	Andhra Pradesh	8524
3	Arunachal Pradesh	113
4	Assam	2742
5	Bihar	16413
6	Chandigarh	1
7	Chhattisgarh	4011
8	D & N Haveli	15
9	Daman & Diu	8
10	Delhi	21
11	Goa	75
12	Gujarat	5321
13	Haryana	1628
14	Himachal Pradesh	997
15	Jammu & Kashmir	1417
16	Jharkhand	2803
17	Karnataka	8681
18	Kerala	7583
19	Lakshadweep	10
20	Madhya Pradesh	10003
21	Maharashtra	15285
22	Manipur	150
23	Meghalaya	232
24	Mizoram	90
25	Nagaland	197
26	Odisha	4866
27	Puducherry	34
28	Punjab	1093
29	Rajasthan	7655
30	Sikkim	72
31	Tamil Nadu	7938
32	Telangana	5948
33	Tripura	573
34	Uttar Pradesh	23822
35	Uttarakhand	881
36	West Bengal	7243
	All India	**146454**

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