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BENEFITS OF KISAN CREDIT CARD FOR FARMERS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- the number of farmers in the country benefited by the Kisan Credit Card during the last five years along with those who are getting benefited at present;
- the total amount being spent during the current financial year for kisan credit card; and
- the benefit a farmer gets through Kisan Credit Card?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(DR. BHAGWAT KARAD)

- The data of operative Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts of farmers who have been issued KCC during last nine years is placed at annexure.
- Government of India is implementing Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) to provide short term Agricultural loans availed by farmers through KCC at concessional rate of interest to meet their working capital requirements. Detail of funds under MISS for the current financial year is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	RE/Final Grant
2023-24	23,000*

*As on 01.08.2023

(c) KCC benefits farmers in the following ways:

- Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme aims at providing adequate and timely credit support from the banking system under a single window with flexible and simplified procedure to the farmers (individual/joint borrowers who are owner cultivators), tenant farmers, oral lessees, share croppers, self help groups or joint liability groups of farmers including tenant farmers and share croppers etc. KCC has been extended to Animal Husbandry farmers and Fisheries to help them meet their working capital requirement.
- Credit limit is sanctioned for five years, with one time documentation process.
- KCC loans upto Rs.3 lakh are available @7%, for which interest subvention of 1.5 % is extended to Banks under Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) of Government of India. Farmers can avail collateral-free loans up to Rs.1.6 lakh.
- Prompt Repayment Incentive of 3% is given to KCC loans upto Rs.3 lakh, thereby reducing the effective rate of interest to 4%.

Number of Operative KCC accounts at the end of each year

Year	Public Sector Banks	Cooperative Banks	Regional Rural Banks	Total
2014-15	2,25,24,560	3,90,91,037	1,19,84,462	7,36,00,059
2015-16	2,34,69,789	3,91,65,770	1,26,34,450	7,52,70,009
2016-17	2,33,68,309	3,58,82,515	1,22,71,488	7,15,22,312
2017-18	2,35,21,236	3,34,94,661	1,21,93,439	6,92,09,336
2018-19	2,36,32,381	3,04,14,149	1,22,53,069	6,62,99,599
2019-20	2,41,44,682	2,89,38,167	1,21,97,405	6,52,80,254
2020-21	3,06,96,058	3,01,83,283	1,28,90,610	7,37,69,951
2021-22	2,68,70,864*	3,11,31,326	1,33,48,024	7,13,50,214
2022-23	2,82,96,021*	3,13,44,000	1,38,29,000	7,34,69,021

* includes data of Private Banks also

Source: RBI for PSBs and NABARD for RRBs and Cooperatives