

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1281**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02/08/2024

**AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY**

1281. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

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

- (a) the total number of agricultural workers in the country as on 31st March, 2024;
- (b) the list of agricultural workers in the country as on 31st March, 2024, State-wise;
- (c) the total number of small and marginal farmers in the country as on 31st March 2024; and
- (d) the list of small and marginal farmers in the country as on 31st March 2024, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): As per the latest available Census-2011 of the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India, a total of 263.14 million agricultural workers reported in the country. The state-wise details are given at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): As per the latest available 'All India Report on Agriculture Census 2015-16', there were 25.81 million small and 100.25 million marginal operational holdings/farmers reported in the country. The state-wise details are given at Annexure-II.

Annexure in reference to Reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1281 due for reply on 02.08.2024 regarding “Agricultural workers in the country”

**State wise number of Agricultural Workers as per 2011 Census**

(in Millions)

S.No.	State/UTs	Cultivators	Agricultural Labourers	Total
	<b>All India</b>	<b>118.81</b>	<b>144.33</b>	<b>263.14</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.02	0.00	0.02
2	Andhra Pradesh	6.49	16.97	23.46
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.30	0.04	0.34
4	Assam	4.06	1.85	5.91
5	Bihar	7.20	18.35	25.55
6	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Chhattisgarh	4.00	5.09	9.09
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.03	0.02	0.05
9	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Delhi	0.03	0.04	0.07
11	Goa	0.03	0.03	0.06
12	Gujarat	5.45	6.84	12.29
13	Haryana	2.48	1.53	4.01
14	Himachal Pradesh	2.06	0.18	2.24
15	Jammu & Kashmir	1.25	0.55	1.80
16	Jharkhand	3.81	4.44	8.25
17	Karnataka	6.58	7.16	13.74
18	Kerala	0.67	1.32	1.99
19	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	9.84	12.19	22.03
21	Maharashtra	12.57	13.49	26.06
22	Manipur (Excl. 3 Sub-Divisions)	0.57	0.11	0.69
23	Meghalaya	0.49	0.20	0.69
24	Mizoram	0.23	0.04	0.27
25	Nagaland	0.54	0.06	0.60
26	Odisha	4.10	6.74	10.84
27	Puducherry	0.01	0.07	0.08
28	Punjab	1.93	1.59	3.52
29	Rajasthan	13.62	4.94	18.56
30	Sikkim	0.12	0.03	0.15
31	Tamil Nadu	4.25	9.61	13.86
32	Tripura	0.30	0.35	0.65
33	Uttar Pradesh	19.06	19.94	39.00
34	Uttarakhand	1.58	0.40	1.98
35	West Bengal	5.12	10.19	15.31

Source: Census of India, 2011

Annexure in reference to Reply to part (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1281 due for reply on 02.08.2024 regarding "Agricultural workers in the country"

**Number of Operational Holdings by Size Group-2015-16**

Sl. No.	State/UT	Marginal	Small
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5,154	2,533
2	Andhra Pradesh	59,04,039	16,46,246
3	Arunachal Pradesh	27,161	24,056
4	Assam	18,68,020	4,95,313
5	Bihar	1,49,70,585	9,43,796
6	Chandigarh	480	139
7	Chhattisgarh	24,34,321	8,79,477
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	8,511	3,829
9	Daman & Diu	7,422	423
10	Delhi	11,489	5,436
11	Goa	59,472	8,083
12	Gujarat	20,18,827	16,15,788
13	Haryana	8,02,396	3,13,937
14	Himachal Pradesh	7,12,204	1,73,456
15	Jammu & Kashmir	11,86,887	1,59,988
16	Jharkhand	19,61,615	4,18,684
17	Karnataka	47,67,132	22,13,732
18	Kerala	73,33,248	1,81,372
19	Lakshadweep	9,562	281
20	Madhya Pradesh	48,34,531	27,24,684
21	Maharashtra	78,15,823	43,39,259
22	Manipur	76,705	48,737
23	Meghalaya	1,22,748	60,268
24	Mizoram	44,963	27,483
25	Nagaland	8,211	29,790
26	Odisha	36,36,658	8,87,272
27	Puducherry	28,361	3,385
28	Punjab	1,54,412	2,07,436
29	Rajasthan	30,70,873	16,77,372
30	Sikkim	44,294	12,767
31	Tamil Nadu	62,24,319	11,19,229
32	Telangana	38,40,131	14,08,979
33	Tripura	5,04,105	47,987
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,90,99,828	30,08,403
35	Uttarakhand	65,9,064	1,48,817
36	West Bengal	59,97,758	9,70,895
	<b>All India</b>	<b>10,02,51,309</b>	<b>2,58,09,332</b>

Source: Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (AgricultureCensus2015-16)

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