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DEPENDENCE ON AGRICULTURE

2084. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

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

- (a) the number of people dependent on agriculture as a means of livelihood in the country, the details thereof since 2020, year-wise;
- (b) the per capita productivity of agricultural workers in the country, the data for the last five years, year-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has noticed that there is a surge in the number of people employed in agriculture even as per capita productivity is declining?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), year-wise dependence of workforce in agriculture is given below:

| PLFS Survey year | Percentage of workers engaged in Agriculture |
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| (1) | (2) |
| 2020-21 | 46.5 |
| 2021-22 | 45.5 |
| 2022-23 | 45.8 |
| 2023-24 | 46.1 |

Further, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare does not maintain data on per capita productivity of agricultural workers.
