

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 305
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28/03/2025

STEPS TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF FARMERS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly 70 per cent of the population is dependent on agriculture and allied activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that their economic condition has not improved till today;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to improve farmers' economic condition?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 305 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28/03/2025 REGARDING STEPS TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF FARMERS.

(a) & (b): As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) from July, 2023 to June, 2024 about 46.1 percent of the total workforce of the Country is engaged in agriculture and allied sector during 2023-24.

(c) & (d): The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), carried out the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households during NSS 70th (January – December, 2013) and 77th round (January – December, 2019) in the rural areas of the country. According to the SAS findings, the average monthly income per agricultural household has increased from Rs. 6,426 during 2012-13 to Rs. 10,218 in 2018-19, showing an increase of about 59 percent.

(e): Agriculture being a State Subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture in the State. However, Government of India is committed to enhance the welfare of farmers and making agriculture more remunerative. Government of India supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support and various schemes/ programmes. The various schemes/ programmes of the Government of India are meant for the welfare of farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to farmers. These schemes encompass entire spectrum of agriculture including credit, insurance, income support, infrastructure, crops including horticulture, seeds, mechanization, marketing, organic and natural farming, farmer collectives, irrigation, extension, procurement of crops from farmers at minimum support prices, digital agriculture etc. Additionally, Government had increased MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a minimum return of 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production from 2018-19 onwards.

List of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is given in **Annexure**.

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I. Central Sector Schemes

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
3. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
4. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
5. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
6. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
7. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
8. Formation and Promotion Of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)
9. Agri Fund for Start Ups & Rural Enterprises (AgriSURE)
10. Namo Drone Didi

II. Centrally Sponsored Scheme

(a) National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)

(b) Krishonnati Yojana

1. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing -National Agriculture Market (ISAM-eNAM)
2. Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing-Others (ISAM-Others)
3. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
4. National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Seeds (NMEO-OS)
5. National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil palm (NMEO-OP)
6. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
7. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER)
8. Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE)
9. Digital Agriculture

(c) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)

1. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- DPR (RKVY-DPR)
2. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
3. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
4. Soil Health and Fertility
5. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
6. Agroforestry
7. Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) {Crop Residue Management (CRM) now merged with SMAM}
8. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
