

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2409
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21/03/2025

EFFORTS TO ENSURE EARNING OF FARMERS EQUAL TO MINIMUM WAGES

2409. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:

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

- (a) the details of efforts Government has taken during last three years to ensure average daily earning of farmers from agriculture at least equals minimum wages in the country;
- (b) the number of farmers in the country who have average daily agricultural income above the minimum wages, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of farmers who have average daily agricultural income below the minimum wages in the country, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Government of India is committed to enhance the welfare of farmers and making agriculture more remunerative. To this end, it has implemented various policies, reforms, developmental programs, and schemes aimed at improving farmer incomes which includes Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY), Fixing of Minimum Support Price (MSP) at one-and-a half times the cost of production, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS), National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM), Agri Fund for Start Ups & Rural Enterprises (AgriSURE), Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing-National Agriculture Market (ISAM eNAM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), among others.

As per the latest NSS 77th round of the Survey by the National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) with reference to the agricultural year July, 2018- June, 2019 in the rural areas of the country, the average monthly income per agricultural household from various sources is estimated at Rs. 10, 218/- per month. However, since the last survey conducted in 2019, updated figures on the average monthly income per agricultural household is unavailable, as such comparison with minimum wages is not feasible. Additionally, detailed State-wise information on the number of farmers in the country whose average daily agricultural income is above and below the minimum wages is not maintained centrally.
