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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3204
ANSWERED ON 28/03/2025

SURVEY OF FARMERS LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE

3204. SHRI C. VE. SHANMUGAM:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey to assess the number of farmers including marginal farmers, living below the poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any welfare scheme for such farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of farmers benefitted from such welfare schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) & (b): No, the government has not conducted any such survey to assess the number of farmers including marginal farmers, living below the poverty line. Therefore, no details are available. However, as per the latest Agriculture Census, 2015-16, conducted by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the number of operational holdings in marginal size group State/UT-wise is given at **Annexure**.

(c) to (e): Agriculture is a State subject and Government of India supports the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures, budgetary allocation and various schemes/ programmes. The various schemes/ programmes of the Government of India are meant for the welfare of farmers including marginal farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to farmers. The Major schemes/programmes initiated by DA&FW to enhance overall income of farmers and remunerative returns in the agriculture sector are as under:

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
3. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/ Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
4. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
5. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
6. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 new Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)
7. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)

8. Namo Drone Didi
9. National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
10. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
11. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (Agri SURE)
12. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
13. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
14. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
15. Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
16. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
17. Agroforestry
18. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
19. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
20. Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
21. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
22. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
23. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
24. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
25. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
26. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
27. Digital Agriculture Mission
28. National Bamboo Mission

Further, the major welfare schemes/programmes under which the number of farmer benefited are as follows:

1. Under the PM-KISAN scheme, the Government has disbursed over Rs. 3.68 Lakh Cr in 19 installments since inception year, 2019. 19th Installment of PM-KISAN scheme was released on 24th February, 2025 and more than 9.8 crore farmers received the benefits amounting to over Rs. 22,000 crore.
2. Further, under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) as on 28.02.2025, against the farmer's premium of Rs.32,476 crore, claims of Rs.1,73,938 crore have been paid to 1,979 lakh farmer applications from inception year, 2016-17 upto the year, 2023-24.

Annexure		
Annexure referred to in reply for part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3204 regarding "Survey of farmers living below poverty line" due for 28.03.2025		
State-wise estimated number of operational holdings as per Agriculture Census 2015-16		
S. No.	States/UTs	Marginal (below 1.00 ha.) (In numbers)
1	A & N Islands	5,154
2	Andhra Pradesh	5,904,039
3	Arunachal Pradesh	27,161
4	Assam	1,868,020
5	Bihar	14,970,585
6	Chandigarh	480
7	Chhattisgarh	2,434,321
8	D & N Haveli	8,511
9	Daman & Diu	7,422
10	Delhi	11,489
11	Goa	59,472
12	Gujarat	2,018,827
13	Haryana	802,396
14	Himachal Pradesh	712,204
15	Jammu & Kashmir	1,186,887
16	Jharkhand	1,961,615
17	Karnataka	4,767,132
18	Kerala	7,333,248
19	Lakshadweep	9,562
20	Madhya Pradesh	4,834,531
21	Maharashtra	7,815,823
22	Manipur	76,705
23	Meghalaya	122,748
24	Mizoram	44,963
25	Nagaland	8,211
26	Odisha	3,636,658
27	Puducherry	28,361
28	Punjab	154,412
29	Rajasthan	3,070,873
30	Sikkim	44,294
31	Tamil Nadu	6,224,319
32	Telangana	3,840,131
33	Tripura	504,105
34	Uttar Pradesh	19,099,828
35	Uttarakhand	659,064
36	West Bengal	5,997,758
	All India	100,251,309
Source: Agriculture Census, 2015-16		
