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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3225**

ANSWERED ON 28/03/2025

**RISING INDEBTEDNESS OF FARMERS AND INCIDENCE OF SUICIDE AMONG  
SMALL AND MARGINAL FARMERS**

3225. Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) the data on farmers' indebtedness during the last five years including small and marginal farmers, State-wise, year-wise;
- (b) the total number of farmer suicides recorded during this period, State-wise;
- (c) whether the income of farmers in the country has doubled over the last five years;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government is taking steps to reduce the number of farmer suicides in the country and extending support to State Governments for the same; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): As per the latest survey "Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019" conducted by National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, the average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household for different States/UTs during agricultural year July, 2018- June, 2019 is given in **Annexure I**.

(b): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs compiles and disseminates information on suicides in its publication titled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' (ADSI). The report till 2022 is available on NCRB website (<https://ncrb.gov.in>)

(c) & (d): As per the report titled "Key Indicators of Situation of Agricultural Households in India, 2014" and "Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019", of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, the State/UT - wise average monthly income from different sources of agricultural household during agricultural year July, 2012- June, 2013 and July 2018- June 2019 is given in **Annexure II**.

(e) & (f): Agriculture is a State subject and Government of India supports the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures, budgetary allocation and various schemes/ programmes these schemes/ programmes are also meant for the welfare of farmers by increasing remunerative returns and income support to farmers. 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' (AgriSURE)
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. National Bamboo Mission

Further, e-NAM Portal has been launched by government with the sole objective to get the farmers fair price of their produce. Also the Government has increased the MSP for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops with a return of at least 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production from 2018-19.

## Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3225 due for 28.03.2025

<b>The average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household for different States during agricultural year July 2018- June 2019</b>		
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>States/ UTs</b>	<b>Average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household (in Rs.)</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2,45,554
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3,581
3.	Assam	16,407
4.	Bihar	23,534
5.	Chhattisgarh	21,443
6.	Gujarat	56,568
7.	Haryana	1,82,922
8.	Himachal Pradesh	85,825
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	30,435
10.	Jharkhand	8,415
11.	Karnataka	1,26,240
12.	Kerala	2,42,482
13.	Madhya Pradesh	74,420
14.	Maharashtra	82,085
15.	Manipur	5,551
16.	Meghalaya	2,237
17.	Mizoram	23,485
18.	Nagaland	1,750
19.	Odisha	32,721
20.	Punjab	2,03,249
21.	Rajasthan	1,13,865
22.	Sikkim	32,185
23.	Tamil Nadu	1,06,553
24.	Telangana	1,52,113
25.	Tripura	23,944
26.	Uttarakhand	48,338
27.	Uttar Pradesh	51,107
28.	West Bengal	26,452
<b>All India</b>		<b>74,121</b>

Source: NSSO, MoSPI's Report on Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019

<b>Annexure II</b>			
<b>Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) &amp; (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3225 due for 28.03.2025</b>			
<b>The State/UT - wise average monthly income from different sources of agricultural household during agricultural year July, 2012- June, 2013 and July, 2018- June, 2019</b>			
Sr. No.	States/ UTs	Average monthly income (in Rs.)	
		2012-13	2018-19
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5,979	10,480
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	10,869	19,225
3.	Assam	6,695	10,675
4.	Bihar	3,558	7,542
5.	Chhattisgarh	5,177	9,677
6.	Gujarat	7,926	12,631
7.	Haryana	14,434	22,841
8.	Himachal Pradesh	8,777	12,153
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	12,683	18,918
10.	Jharkhand	4,721	4,895
11.	Karnataka	8,832	13,441
12.	Kerala	11,888	17,915
13.	Madhya Pradesh	6,210	8,339
14.	Maharashtra	7,386	11,492
15.	Manipur	8,842	11,227
16.	Meghalaya	11,792	29,348
17.	Mizoram	9,099	17,964
18.	Nagaland	10,048	9,877
19.	Odisha	4,976	5,112
20.	Punjab	18,059	26,701
21.	Rajasthan	7,350	12,520
22.	Sikkim	6,798	12,447
23.	Tamil Nadu	6,980	11,924
24.	Telangana	6,311	9,403
25.	Tripura	5,429	9,918
26.	Uttarakhand	4,701	13,552
27.	Uttar Pradesh	4,923	8,061
28.	West Bengal	3,980	6,762
<b>All India</b>		<b>6,426</b>	<b>10,218</b>
Growth			59%

Source: NSSO, MoSPI's Reports "Situation of Agricultural Households in India, 2014" & "Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019"

Note: Income includes income from wages, income from leasing out of land, net receipt from crop production, net receipt from farming of animals and net receipt from non-farm business.

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