Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3423

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Agricultural credit disbursed under various schemes

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Will the Minister of *Finance* be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of agricultural credit disbursed in the last five years under various scheme, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the State-wise details of the number of farmers who availed institutional credit, including the percentage of agricultural credit received by small and marginal farmers;
- (c) the details of outstanding debt per farmer household in the country, State-wise;
- (d) the instances of agricultural loan defaults reported in the last five years; and
- (e) the steps being taken to prevent farmers falling into the cycle of informal debt and high interest borrowing?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a): As per information provided by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the State-wise, year-wise details of agricultural credit disbursement in the last five years are given in Annexure-I.
- (b): As per information provided by NABARD, the State-wise details of agricultural credit disbursement to small and marginal farmer accounts (including percentage) in the FY 2023-24 are given in Annexure-II.
- (c): As per NABARD All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) 2021-22, the Statewise details of outstanding debt per farmers household in the country are given in Annexure-III.
- (d): NPA in Agriculture loans of Scheduled Commercial Banks, Cooperatives Banks & Regional Rural Banks has decreased during the last 5 years (ie. from FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24) as below:

| Period | Scheduled Commercial Banks | Cooperative Banks | Regional Rural Banks |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 2019-20 | 10.1% | 7.99% | 8.72% |
| 2023-24 | 6.2% | 5.32% | 6.65% |

Source: RBI and NABARD

(e): The following measures / initiatives have been taken to increase institutional agricultural credit to the farmers:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has prescribed Priority Sector Lending for all Commercial Banks. Within the overall target for priority sector lending, a sub-target of 18 % has been fixed for agriculture, out of which a sub-target of 10% is prescribed for Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs).
- The Government sets annual target for flow of credit to the agriculture sector. Banks have been consistently surpassing the annual target.
- Kisan Credit Card (KCC), introduced in 1998, provides farmers with timely and affordable credit for purchasing agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides, as well as for meeting cash requirements related to crop production and allied activities. In 2019, the KCC scheme was extended to cover the working capital requirements of allied activities, viz. Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries.
- Government of India under Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) provides Interest Subvention of 1.5% to banks for providing short-term working capital loans upto Rs. 3 lakh at 7% p.a. Further, a Prompt Repayment Incentive of 3% is also provided to farmers on timely repayment of loans. Therefore, effective interest rate for farmers is 4%. In the Union Budget 2025-26, the Government has announced to enhance loan limit under the MISS from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh for loans taken through the KCC.
- The limit for collateral free agricultural loans has been raised from Rs.1.6 lakh to Rs.2 lakh per borrower *vide* RBI circular dated December 06, 2024.
- To bring small, marginal, tenant farmers, oral lessees, etc. into the fold of institutional credit, Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) have been promoted by banks.

Annexure-I Statement referred to in part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3423 on "Agricultural credit disbursed under various schemes" due for answer on 01.04.2025

(Amount in Rs. crore)

| | State wise Agriculture Credit Disbursement since 2019-20 | | | | | |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SN | State/UT | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 149 | 206 | 310 | 402 | 437 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 136778 | 174974 | 206160 | 239188 | 300497 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 111 | 86 | 138 | 637 | 950 |
| 4 | Assam | 7713 | 11457 | 9313 | 9062 | 11564 |
| 5 | Bihar | 40834 | 46981 | 87089 | 52994 | 70321 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 1346 | 1161 | 1229 | 1635 | 1938 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 15125 | 18728 | 19324 | 29266 | 33838 |
| 8 | Delhi | 21633 | 14241 | 18148 | 19350 | 24157 |
| 9 | Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu | 135 | 703 | 233 | 342 | 393 |
| 10 | Goa | 993 | 1374 | 1474 | 1905 | 2429 |
| 11 | Gujarat | 73229 | 84934 | 103118 | 120529 | 141161 |
| 12 | Haryana | 64295 | 60655 | 67071 | 81805 | 89396 |
| 13 | Himachal Pradesh | 7771 | 7476 | 8525 | 11003 | 11628 |
| 14 | Jammu & Kashmir | 13402 | 14753 | 14283 | 13152 | 12624 |
| 15 | Jharkhand | 5437 | 7016 | 9800 | 12171 | 22109 |
| 16 | Karnataka | 88380 | 111844 | 139403 | 172470 | 207615 |
| 17 | Kerala | 97420 | 102109 | 114158 | 140236 | 160468 |
| 18 | Ladakh | - | 947 | 341 | 334 | 352 |
| 19 | Lakshadweep | 5 | 133 | 14 | 23 | 62 |
| 20 | Madhya Pradesh | 62497 | 80110 | 88292 | 100076 | 116397 |
| 21 | Maharashtra | 81850 | 98140 | 122193 | 150532 | 168547 |
| 22 | Manipur | 312 | 301 | 398 | 645 | 649 |
| 23 | Meghalaya | 205 | 251 | 273 | 404 | 478 |
| 24 | Mizoram | 166 | 330 | 301 | 309 | 427 |
| 25 | Nagaland | 278 | 239 | 281 | 340 | 412 |
| 26 | Odisha | 30398 | 34147 | 41978 | 47749 | 60365 |
| 27 | Puducherry | 3373 | 4835 | 4385 | 5574 | 7066 |
| 28 | Punjab | 80448 | 69170 | 74437 | 90798 | 95687 |
| 29 | Rajasthan | 95051 | 101496 | 119157 | 141612 | 153593 |
| 30 | Sikkim | 174 | 187 | 220 | 340 | 405 |
| 31 | Tamil Nadu | 222748 | 264169 | 325472 | 375747 | 452384 |
| 32 | Telangana | 63383 | 71665 | 88583 | 109798 | 139703 |
| 33 | Tripura | 2850 | 3651 | 3159 | 1670 | 2175 |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 108888 | 114623 | 122169 | 151452 | 171390 |
| 35 | Uttarakhand | 10505 | 9648 | 9383 | 11244 | 12674 |
| 36 | West Bengal | 54849 | 62657 | 62549 | 60369 | 74343 |

Annexure-II

Statement referred to in part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3423 on "Agricultural credit disbursed under various schemes" due for answer on 01.04.2025

State wise Agriculture Credit Disbursement in FY 2023-24 (Accounts in lakh)

| SN | State/UT | Total Loans to Agriculture | Loans to SF/MF | % SF/ MF of Total |
|----|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 0.26 | 0.19 | 76 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 162.53 | 132.82 | 82 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.23 | 0.19 | 80 |
| 4 | Assam | 8.87 | 5.69 | 64 |
| 5 | Bihar | 80.68 | 65.92 | 82 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 0.46 | 0.28 | 61 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 29.59 | 17.94 | 61 |
| 8 | Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu | 0.08 | 0.04 | 57 |
| 9 | Delhi | 2.67 | 1.88 | 71 |
| 10 | Goa | 1.16 | 0.89 | 77 |
| 11 | Gujarat | 47.38 | 29.27 | 62 |
| 12 | Haryana | 42.54 | 29.49 | 69 |
| 13 | Himachal Pradesh | 8.03 | 6.08 | 76 |
| 14 | Jammu & Kashmir | 17.98 | 16.79 | 93 |
| 15 | Jharkhand | 20.41 | 18.45 | 90 |
| 16 | Karnataka | 158.49 | 107.05 | 68 |
| 17 | Kerala | 103.27 | 91.01 | 88 |
| 18 | Ladakh | 0.67 | 0.61 | 92 |
| 19 | Lakshadweep | 0.06 | 0.05 | 85 |
| 20 | Madhya Pradesh | 91.56 | 60.56 | 66 |
| 21 | Maharashtra | 105.9 | 78.71 | 74 |
| 22 | Manipur | 0.38 | 0.31 | 80 |
| 23 | Meghalaya | 0.57 | 0.45 | 79 |
| 24 | Mizoram | 0.31 | 0.21 | 68 |
| 25 | Nagaland | 0.53 | 0.47 | 89 |
| 26 | Odisha | 78.53 | 68.51 | 87 |
| 27 | Puducherry | 4.68 | 3.37 | 72 |
| 28 | Punjab | 44.93 | 29.83 | 66 |
| 29 | Rajasthan | 106.15 | 68.09 | 64 |
| 30 | Sikkim | 0.27 | 0.2 | 72 |
| 31 | Tamil Nadu | 299.39 | 232.13 | 78 |
| 32 | Telangana | 77.95 | 64.28 | 82 |
| 33 | Tripura | 1.71 | 1.29 | 75 |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 137.05 | 112.39 | 82 |
| 35 | Uttarakhand | 7.58 | 6.29 | 83 |
| 36 | West Bengal | 65.59 | 54.43 | 83 |

Statement referred to in part (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3423 on "Agricultural credit disbursed under various schemes" due for answer on 01.04.2025

| SN | State/UT | Average Outstanding Debt per Agri Household (2021-22) (in ₹) |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 66,205 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 23,819 |
| 3 | Assam | 13,251 |
| 4 | Bihar | 42,252 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 24,564 |
| 6 | Goa | 51,596 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 59,006 |
| 8 | Haryana | 64,260 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 35,023 |
| 10 | Jammu & Kashmir (UT) | 56,767 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 7,994 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 1,07,443 |
| 13 | Kerala | 1,64,063 |
| 14 | Ladakh (UT) | 24,280 |
| 15 | Madhya Pradesh | 31,976 |
| 16 | Maharashtra | 49,270 |
| 17 | Manipur | 57,202 |
| 18 | Meghalaya | 14,631 |
| 19 | Mizoram | 22,239 |
| 20 | Nagaland | 61,736 |
| 21 | Odisha | 20,802 |
| 22 | Punjab | 96,177 |
| 23 | Rajasthan | 35,294 |
| 24 | Sikkim | 13,732 |
| 25 | Tamil Nadu | 94,463 |
| 26 | Telangana | 1,25,389 |
| 27 | Tripura | 17,585 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 39,695 |
| 29 | Uttarakhand | 52,906 |
| 30 | West Bengal | 20,254 |

Source: NABARD All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) 2021-22