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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2243
ANSWERED ON 19/12/2025

POLICY INTERVENTION TO ADDRESS FRAGMENTED LANDHOLDINGS

2243. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:

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

- (a) whether the available literature on the state of agriculture in India has pointed to the fact that the average landholding size in India is small and fragmented, which limits economies of scale and efficient farming practices;
- (b) if so, the policy intervention that exists to address this concern, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the Ministry would explore the possibility of devising such policy interventions?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per latest Agriculture Census (2015-16) conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, the average size of operational holdings is 1.08 hectares.

Land and agriculture are the state subjects, as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, land comes under the purview of State Governments. Further, Government of India implements various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes to support states for development of agriculture sector as well as for promoting interest of farmers, including small and marginal farmers. The list of schemes of Department Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is given at **Annexure**.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting research programme to develop location specific varieties and technologies for enhancing the production and productivity of farm holdings. Further, the ICAR, through its research Institutions undertakes research for developing technologies accessible to marginal and small farmers. Government promotes high-value crops and animal husbandry, which generate more returns, compared to staple food crops.

Agrarian reforms like Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) can enable small farmers to pool resources, reduce the inefficiencies of small plot farming, and increase productivity. Further, collectivization and consolidation of land could be targeted by encouraging voluntary consolidation of lands and fragmented plots, thereby FPOs as a farmer institution would have more economically viable landholdings for their operation.

These initiatives demonstrate government's commitment towards addressing the issue of average landholding size in India is small and fragmented (includes small and marginal farmers), and to achieve economies of scale and efficient farming practices.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2243 regarding “Policy intervention to address fragmented landholdings” due for 19/12/2025

Major schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare are as below:

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. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
7. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 new Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)
8. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
9. Namo Drone Didi
10. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)
11. National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
12. Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Detailed Project Report (RKVY-DPR)
13. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
14. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
15. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
16. Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
17. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
18. Agroforestry
19. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
20. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
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
