

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/08/2026

**ASSESSMENT OF CULTIVABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLDS DEPENDENT ON
AGRICULTURE**

2272. SHRI TEJVEER SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has done an in-depth assessment of the cultivable land size and the socio-economic status of households dependent on agriculture in the country on the basis of the latest Agricultural Census and other official surveys;
- (b) if so, the changes recorded in the cultivable land area, average size of landholdings and the average income of agricultural households during the last five years, State-wise; and
- (c) the current percentage of rural households in the country depended on agriculture for their livelihood?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Agriculture Census in India is conducted every five years in collaboration with the States and Union Territories. Agriculture Census provides reliable data base on socio-economic aspects of operational holders in the country which is used for making agricultural policies. It provides information on the number, size and distribution of operational holdings by classes (marginal, small, semi-medium, medium and large), tenancy, consolidation of holdings, land distribution etc. which is used for efficient planning for utilization of land, irrigation facilities, crop diversification, mechanization and other agricultural inputs. Further, the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households is conducted periodically by the National Statistical Office (NSO) of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). It provides detailed insights into the socio-economic status, sources of income, monthly expenditure, and debt levels of rural farming households.

As per the latest Agriculture Census, 2015-16 the State/UT-wise cultivable land area and average size of operational holdings are given at annexure-I. As per the latest "Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households", conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) during agricultural year July 2018- June 2019, the State/UT-wise average monthly income per agricultural household from various sources is given at annexure-II. Since the last survey was conducted in 2019, the extent of average monthly income for the last five years is not available.

(c): As per the latest Situation Assessment Survey (January, 2019 – December, 2019) conducted by MoSPI through 77th round of NSS in the rural areas, the estimated number of rural households in the country is 17.24 crore, out of which 9.30 crore are agricultural households, constituting about 54 per cent of the total rural households in the country. These agricultural households derive their livelihood primarily through agricultural activities.

Annexure I

ANNEXURE REFFERED IN REPLY TO PART (b) of RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2272 TO BE ANSEWERED ON 07/08/2026 REGARDING “ASSESSMENT OF CULTIVABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLDS DEPENDENT ON AGRICULTURE”

State/UTs-wise estimated Net Cultivated Area and Average size of operational holdings as per Agriculture Census 2015-16			
Sl.No.	State/UT	Area (in ha.)	
		Net Cultivated Area	Average size of operational holdings
1	A & N ISLANDS	16,183	1.78
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	7,765,681	0.94
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	266,942	3.35
4	ASSAM	2,885,389	1.09
5	BIHAR	6,201,127	0.39
6	CHANDIGARH	885	1.22
7	CHATTISGARH	4,821,608	1.24
8	D & N HAVELI	20,525	1.38
9	DAMAN & DIU	2,751	0.36
10	DELHI	28,523	1.39
11	GOA	81,620	1.10
12	GUJARAT	9,974,319	1.88
13	HARYANA	3,606,031	2.22
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	608,689	0.95
15	JAMMU & KASHMIR	779,862	0.59
16	JHARKHAND	2,902,991	1.10
17	KARNATAKA	11,672,796	1.36
18	KERALA	1,176,414	0.18
19	LAKSHADWEEP	2,200	0.27
20	MADHYA PRADESH	15,327,137	1.57
21	MAHARASHTRA	19,434,027	1.34
22	MANIPUR	172,152	1.14
23	MEGHALAYA	287,413	1.29
24	MIZORAM	112,465	1.25
25	NAGALAND	552,134	4.87
26	ODISHA	4,596,454	0.95
27	PUDUCHERRY	20,188	0.62
28	PUNJAB	3,953,574	3.62
29	RAJASTHAN	19,386,485	2.73
30	SIKKIM	75,750	1.27
31	TAMIL NADU	5,795,115	0.75
32	TELENGANA	5,661,655	1.00
33	TRIPURA	256,623	0.49
34	UTTAR PRADESH	17,346,836	0.73
35	UTTARAKHAND	709,471	0.85
36	WEST BENGAL	5,338,650	0.76
	TOTAL	151,840,660	1.08
<i>Source: Agriculture Census data 2015-16, DA&FW</i>			

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State/UTs - wise estimated average monthly income of agricultural household during agricultural year July 2018- June 2019		
Sl.No.	State/Group of NE States/Group of UTs	Average Monthly Income per Agricultural Household (₹)
1	Andhra Pradesh	10,480
2	Arunachal Pradesh	19,225
3	Assam	10,675
4	Bihar	7,542
5	Chhattisgarh	9,677
6	Gujarat	12,631
7	Haryana	22,841
8	Himachal Pradesh	12,153
9	Jammu & Kashmir	18,918
10	Jharkhand	4,895
11	Karnataka	13,441
12	Kerala	17,915
13	Madhya Pradesh	8,339
14	Maharashtra	11,492
15	Manipur	11,227
16	Meghalaya	29,348
17	Mizoram	17,964
18	Nagaland	9,877
19	Odisha	5,112
20	Punjab	26,701
21	Rajasthan	12,520
22	Sikkim	12,447
23	Tamil Nadu	11,924
24	Telangana	9,403
25	Tripura	9,918
26	Uttarakhand	13,552
27	Uttar Pradesh	8,061
28	West Bengal	6,762
	Group of North-East States	16,863
	Group of UTs	18,511
	All India	10,218
<i>Source: NSS Report No. 587: Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019</i>		