

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3149**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2017

**INCOME OF FARMERS**

3149. SHRI LALLU SINGH:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:  
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:  
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:  
SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:  
SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the amount of indebtedness on each farmer is more than the national average of annual income in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there has been increase of loan burden on farmers as a result of liberal sanctioning of institutional loan to farmers and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether monthly income of farmers has increased in the country during the year 2002-2013 and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether income from farm sector is less as compared to that of industrial and service sectors and the farmers are leaving the profession of agriculture and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the scheme/policy formulated to increase the income of farmers by making agriculture a viable profession and giving the farmers a special and different treatment in the country; and
- (e) whether any panel/expert group has recommended reduction in the investment in the agriculture as well as in irrigation in the country and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA)

(a): As per the "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during 2013 (January-December), the average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household is estimated at Rs. 47,000. The average annual income per agricultural household as per the Survey is estimated at Rs. 77,112.

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(b): The initiatives taken by the Government towards increasing institutional agricultural credit are focused on ensuring timely and adequate credit to the farmers with least debt implications.

(c): The average monthly income per agricultural household, as per the "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" conducted by NSSO, is estimated to have increased from Rs. 2115 in 2003 to Rs. 6426 in 2013. State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(d): Income from farm sector is less as compared to income from industrial and services sector. Government has recently taken various measures to increase farm production and productivity with a view to improve the economic conditions of the farmers. These include, *inter-alia*, implementation of schemes like, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Soil Health Card, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Neem Coated Urea, creation of a unified national agriculture market (e-NAM), etc. Further, the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of major agricultural commodities has been progressively increased to ensure remunerative price to the farmers.

The total number of agricultural workers in the country has increased from 234.1 million in 2001 to 263.1 million in 2011, as per the decennial Census conducted by Registrar General of India.

(e): No, Madam.

## Annexure

### **Annexure in reference to Reply to Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred No. 3149 due for reply on 21.03.2017**

State/ UTs	Average Monthly Income per Farmer/ Agricultural Household (Rs.)	
	2003	2013
Andhra Pradesh	1634	5979
Arunachal Pradesh	7455	10869
Assam	3161	6695
Bihar	1810	3558
Chhattisgarh	1618	5177
Gujarat	2684	7926
Haryana	2882	14434
Himachal Pradesh	3309	8777
Jammu & Kashmir	5488	12683
Jharkhand	2069	4721
Karnataka	2616	8832
Kerala	4004	11888
Madhya Pradesh	1430	6210
Maharashtra	2463	7386
Manipur	2741	8842
Meghalaya	4496	11792
Mizoram	4862	9099
Nagaland	3590	10048
Odisha	1062	4976
Punjab	4960	18059
Rajasthan	1498	7350
Sikkim	3258	6798
Tamil Nadu	2072	6980
Telangana	-	6311
Tripura	1742	5429
Uttarakhand	3351	4701
Uttar Pradesh	1633	4923
West Bengal	2079	3980
Group of UTs	3235	8568
<b>All-India</b>	<b>2115</b>	<b>6426</b>

Source: NSSO

Notes:

- For Situation Assessment Survey 2013: Income includes salary/wages, net receipt from cultivation, net receipt from farming of animals and net receipt from non-farm business.
- For Situation Assessment Survey 2003: Income is excluding income from non-economic activities such as interest, dividend, etc.

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