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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1466
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2017

BPL FARMERS

1466. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the number of farmers living below poverty line in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the welfare schemes being implemented for these farmers during the last three years, scheme and State-wise; and
- (d) the number of farmers benefitted therefrom?

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) & (b): Government conducts large sample surveys through NSSO for periodical estimation of population living below poverty line, including both farm and non-farm rural population.

According to the erstwhile Planning Commission's estimates based on National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) Survey, in 2011-12 the rural population living below poverty line (BPL) was 216.65 million. Separate estimate on the number of farmers living Below Poverty Line is not available. A statement on state wise population below poverty line is annexed.

(c) & (d): The Government is implementing various schemes for the welfare of farmers. Major schemes and the number of beneficiaries are as follows:-

(i) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Restructured Weather Based Insurance Scheme: under the two schemes 172.67 lakh farmers covering 195 lakh hectares of area was insured for a sum of Rs. 73,251 crore during rabi 2016-17. This scheme is being implemented in 21 states.

(ii) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana : Under the "Per Drop More Crop" a total of 1,45,687 hectares of land have been irrigated. The total allocation for this scheme in 2017-18 is Rs. 2,498 crore and the Government has already released Rs. 521.50 crore. This scheme is being implemented in 29 States and 1 Union Territory.

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(iii) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana : Till December, 2016 State Governments have made 9,186 clusters while in 2015-16 it was 8,000 clusters. The budget estimate for 2017-18 is Rs. 350 crore. This scheme is being implemented in 29 States and 1 Union Territory.

(iv) Soil Health Card & Neem Coated Urea: As on 11.07. 2017, the target of collection of 253 lakh soil samples has been achieved; and 97 percent of these samples have been tested. The sales of Neem Coated Urea (NCU) for the year 2016-17 was 295.35 lakh MT.

(v) National Agricultural Market (e-NAM): Under this scheme 455 mandis of 13 states and 48.45 lakh farmers, 91,500 traders and 48,357 commission agents have been integrated with e-NAM Portal.

Apart from these schemes, Government also announces Minimum Support Price to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.

Number and Percentage of Population below poverty line by states - 2011-12
(Tendulkar Methodology)

S.No.	States	Rural		Urban		Total	
		%age of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	%age of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	%age of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	10.96	61.80	5.81	16.98	9.20	78.78
2	Arunachal Pradesh	38.93	4.25	20.33	0.66	34.67	4.91
3	Assam	33.89	92.06	20.49	9.21	31.98	101.27
4	Bihar	34.06	320.40	31.23	37.75	33.74	358.15
5	Chhattisgarh	44.61	88.90	24.75	15.22	39.93	104.11
6	Delhi	12.92	0.50	9.84	16.46	9.91	16.96
7	Goa	6.81	0.37	4.09	0.38	5.09	0.75
8	Gujarat	21.54	75.35	10.14	26.88	16.63	102.23
9	Haryana	11.64	19.42	10.28	9.41	11.16	28.83
10	Himachal Pradesh	8.48	5.29	4.33	0.30	8.06	5.59
11	Jammu & Kashmir	11.54	10.73	7.20	2.53	10.35	13.27
12	Jharkhand	40.84	104.09	24.83	20.24	36.96	124.33
13	Karnataka	24.53	92.80	15.25	36.96	20.91	129.76
14	Kerala	9.14	15.48	4.97	8.46	7.05	23.95
15	Madhya Pradesh	35.74	190.95	21.00	43.10	31.65	234.06
16	Maharashtra	24.22	150.56	9.12	47.36	17.35	197.92
17	Manipur	38.80	7.45	32.59	2.78	36.89	10.22
18	Meghalaya	12.53	3.04	9.26	0.57	11.87	3.61
19	Mizoram	35.43	1.91	6.36	0.37	20.40	2.27
20	Nagaland	19.93	2.76	16.48	1.00	18.88	3.76
21	Odisha	35.69	126.14	17.29	12.39	32.59	138.53
22	Punjab	7.66	13.35	9.24	9.82	8.26	23.18
23	Rajasthan	16.05	84.19	10.69	18.73	14.71	102.92
24	Sikkim	9.85	0.45	3.66	0.06	8.19	0.51
25	Tamil Nadu	15.83	59.23	6.54	23.40	11.28	82.63
26	Tripura	16.53	4.49	7.42	0.75	14.05	5.24
27	Uttarakhand	11.62	8.25	10.48	3.35	11.26	11.60
28	Uttar Pradesh	30.40	479.35	26.06	118.84	29.43	598.19
29	West Bengal	22.52	141.14	14.66	43.83	19.98	184.98
30	Puducherry	17.06	0.69	6.30	0.55	9.69	1.24
31	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.57	0.04	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.04
32	Chandigarh	1.64	0.004	22.31	2.34	21.81	2.35
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	62.59	1.15	15.38	0.28	39.31	1.43
34	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	12.62	0.26	9.86	0.26
35	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	3.44	0.02	2.77	0.02
	All India	25.70	2166.58	13.70	531.25	21.92	2697.83

- Notes:**
1. Population as on 1st March 2012 has been used for estimating number of persons below poverty line. (2011 Census population extrapolated)
 2. Poverty line of Tamil Nadu has been used for Andaman and Nicobar Island.
 3. Urban Poverty Line of Punjab has been used for both rural and urban areas of Chandigarh.
 4. Poverty Line of Maharashtra has been used for Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
 5. Poverty line of Goa has been used for Daman & Diu.
 6. Poverty Line of Kerala has been used for Lakshadweep
