

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2152

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH DECEMBER, 2022

SCHEME FOR SMALL FARMERS

2152. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

(a) whether there are more than 86 per cent of farmers who have less than two hectares of land in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government is implementing any schemes for the development/benefit of farmers, including small farmers;

(c) the details of the programmes being run at present for the farmers with small land holdings; and

(d) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting any research programmes to develop location specific varieties and technologies for enhancing production and productivity of farm holdings, including small land holdings and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): As per Agriculture Census 2015-16, there are 146.45 million operational holders in the country, of which 86.07% operational holders (126.06 million) are operating land less than two hectares.

(b) & (c): Government is implementing a number of schemes for the development of farmers, including small farmers. These include, inter alia, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card (SHC), National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PMKMY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Rainfed Area Development (RAD) Programme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Scheme for promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), National Bee Keeping Honey Mission (NBHM), Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) etc.

(d): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting research programmes to develop location specific varieties and technologies for enhancing production and productivity of farm holdings, including small land holdings. Since 1969 to till date, a total of 5967 field crop varieties have been developed by National Agriculture Research System(NARS) for different agro climatic conditions of the country. Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (IIFSR) under ICAR implements All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) for development and refinement of farm technologies for use in small land holdings in the country. ICAR has also established a network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country mandated with technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development for encouraging the farmers including small land holdings.
