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INDEBTEDNESS OF FARMERS

1727 # SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total and the average indebtedness of farmers in the country, State/UT-wise including Punjab;
- (b) whether the Government has undertaken any study to assess the indebtedness and financial distress of farmers in the last two years and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to waive- off debts of farmers of Punjab taken from Banks and money lenders and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(DR. BHAGWAT KARAD)

(a) and (b): As per Report: *Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019*, of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, National Statistical Office, the average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household for different States including Punjab is given in Annexure.

(c): No sir.

ANNEXURE

Average amount (Rs.) of outstanding loan per agricultural household for different States/Group of UTs/ Group of North-Eastern States.

State/Group of NE States/ Group of UTs	Average amount (Rs.) of outstanding loan per agricultural household
Andhra Pradesh	2,45,554
Arunachal Pradesh	3,581
Assam	16,407
Bihar	23,534
Chhattisgarh	21,443
Gujarat	56,568
Haryana	1,82,922
Himachal Pradesh	85,825
Jammu & Kashmir	30,435
Jharkhand	8,415
Karnataka	1,26,240
Kerala	2,42,482
Madhya Pradesh	74,420
Maharashtra	82,085
Manipur	5,551
Meghalaya	2,237
Mizoram	23,485
Nagaland	1,750
Odisha	32,721
Punjab	2,03,249
Rajasthan	1,13,865
Sikkim	32,185
Tamil Nadu	1,06,553
Telangana	1,52,113
Tripura	23,944
Uttarakhand	48,338
Uttar Pradesh	51,107
West Bengal	26,452
Group of N E States	10,034
Group of UTs	25,629
All India	74,121

Note: Based on the surveyed households of visit-1

Source: NSS Report No. 587: Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019.