

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 318**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021

**CATEGORISATION OF FARMERS**

\*318. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has categorized the farmers into small, marginal, Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Other Backward Class (OBC) farmers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the average size of agricultural land holdings in the country is small and marginal and also un-remunerative to the farmers and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the steps taken to improve productivity thereof;
- (c) whether as per India Rural Development Report, the income from the farming sector is insufficient for 85 per cent farmers households in the country and if so, the reaction of Government thereto;
- (d) whether any low cost effective technique has been developed by Agriculture Research Institutes for small land holdings and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken/being taken for providing such technique and assistance to the small and marginal farmers and the measures being taken to make small land holdings more feasible?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 318 DUE FOR REPLY ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021.**

(a): In Agriculture Census, the operational holdings are categorized in three social groups viz., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Others and in five size classes as given below:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Size-Class</b>
1.	Marginal	Below 1.00 hectare
2.	Small	1.00 - 2.00 hectare
3.	Semi-Medium	2.00 - 4.00 hectare
4.	Medium	4.00 - 10.00 hectare
5.	Large	10.00 hectare and above

(b) & (c): As per latest Agriculture Census 2015-16, average size of the land holdings in the country was 1.08 hectares. State-wise details of the average size of operational holdings are given at **Annexure**. To enhance the remuneration of small and marginal farmers, Government is implementing a number of Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Soil Health Card (SHC), Neem Coated Urea, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), National Agriculture Market Scheme (e-NAM), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Scheme for promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Implementation of National Bee Keeping Honey Mission (NBHM), Interest Subvention Scheme by providing Kisan Credit Card(KCC), enactment of the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2020 and the Farmers (Empowerment & Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020. Also, One lakh crore rupees 'Agri Infrastructure Fund' has been provided for post-harvest infrastructure for farmers.

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(d): Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (IIFSR) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) implements All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) for development and refinement of farm technologies for use of small and marginal farmers in the country. Details of major farm technologies evaluated in farming system mode and refined are detailed below:

- Developed 60 tailor made prototype Integrated Farming System Models suitable to 25 States/UTs.
- Refined 63 farming systems in 19 States.

(e): The Government has taken several measures to improve productivity to make small holdings more viable. These include promoting adoption of modern technologies and practices like multiple cropping, intercropping and integrated farming systems. Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) models developed for the States have been included in the package of practices of respective state Governments. These are popularized among farmers, including small and marginal farmers, through farmer participatory refinement and demonstration of integrated farming systems. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is also conducting research programme to develop location specific varieties and technologies for enhancing the production and productivity of farm holdings.

**Annexure**

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 318 due for Answer on  
10.08.2021

**State-wise average size of holdings as per results of Agriculture Census 2015-16**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Average size of holdings(in Hectare)</b>
1	A & N Islands	1.78
2	Andhra Pradesh	0.94
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3.35
4	Assam	1.09
5	Bihar	0.39
6	Chandigarh	1.22
7	Chhattisgarh	1.24
8	D & N Haveli	1.38
9	Daman & Diu	0.36
10	Delhi	1.39
11	Goa	1.10
12	Gujarat	1.88
13	Haryana	2.22
14	Himachal Pradesh	0.95
15	Jammu & Kashmir	0.59
16	Jharkhand	1.10
17	Karnataka	1.36
18	Kerala	0.18
19	Lakshadweep	0.27
20	Madhya Pradesh	1.57
21	Maharashtra	1.34
22	Manipur	1.14
23	Meghalaya	1.29
24	Mizoram	1.25
25	Nagaland	4.87
26	Odisha	0.95
27	Puducherry	0.62
28	Punjab	3.62
29	Rajasthan	2.73
30	Sikkim	1.27
31	Tamil Nadu	0.75
32	Telangana	1.00
33	Tripura	0.49
34	Uttar Pradesh	0.73
35	Uttarakhand	0.85
36	West Bengal	0.76
	<b>All India</b>	<b>1.08</b>

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