

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2725
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

SIMPLIFICATION OF KCC

2725. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to simplify the process of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and reduce the rate of interest thereon;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the number of farmers who have been issued KCCs in the country, State-wise/District-wise, particularly in Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The following initiatives have been taken to bring the maximum number of farmers under KCC in order to provide easy access to concessional institutional credit and simplify the process to avail KCC: -

- All kinds of service charges like processing fee, inspection, ledger folio charges for loans upto Rs.3.00 lakh has been waived off.
- Collateral free loan limit for short term agri-credit has been raised from Rs.1.00 lakh to Rs.1.60 lakh.
- KCC has been extended to the farmers practicing Animal Husbandry and Fisheries.
- A simple one-page special application form was also designed and shared with banks.

From February, 2020 Government of India is running KCC Saturation drive in collaboration with DFS and other stakeholders in order to increase coverage under Kisan Credit Card Scheme.

The Government of India is also implementing Interest Subvention Scheme with a view to provide short term Agri-loans to the farmers at concessional rate of interest. Under the scheme, short term crop loan upto Rs. 3.00 lakh availed through KCC is available to farmers engaged in Agriculture and other allied activities at benchmark rate of 9%. Government of India provides 2% Interest Subvention on the benchmark rate. Additional 3% subvention is also given to the farmers for prompt and timely repayment of loans; thus the effective rate of interest comes down to 4% per annum.

(d): The number of farmers who have been issued KCCs during the drive from February 2020 till 12.11.2021, State-wise, including Bihar is available at annexure.

Status of issue of KCC under saturation drive as on 12.11.2021

| Sr. No. | State Name | No of Application for KCC sanctioned |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS | 7,190 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 1,958,165 |
| 3 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 3,122 |
| 4 | ASSAM | 298,830 |
| 5 | BIHAR | 463,637 |
| 6 | CHANDIGARH | 6,538 |
| 7 | CHHATTISGARH | 283,953 |
| 8 | DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI | 277 |
| 9 | DAMAN AND DIU | 863 |
| 10 | DELHI | 3,568 |
| 11 | GOA | 9,960 |
| 12 | GUJARAT | 1,624,233 |
| 13 | HARYANA | 414,142 |
| 14 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 169,685 |
| 15 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 740,766 |
| 16 | JHARKHAND | 261,889 |
| 17 | KARNATAKA | 1,680,099 |
| 18 | KERALA | 1,100,288 |
| 19 | LADAKH | 8,166 |
| 20 | LAKSHADWEEP | 342 |
| 21 | MADHYA PRADESH | 1,711,609 |
| 22 | MAHARASHTRA | 3,949,144 |
| 23 | MANIPUR | 5,196 |
| 24 | MEGHALAYA | 20,923 |
| 25 | MIZORAM | 19,874 |
| 26 | NAGALAND | 17,053 |
| 27 | ODISHA | 649,438 |
| 28 | PUDUCHERRY UT | 8,459 |
| 29 | PUNJAB | 513,412 |
| 30 | RAJASTHAN | 2,338,383 |
| 31 | SIKKIM | 4,693 |
| 32 | TAMIL NADU | 1,027,859 |
| 33 | TELANGANA | 1,187,559 |
| 34 | TRIPURA | 155,261 |
| 35 | UTTAR PRADESH | 3,320,356 |
| 36 | UTTARAKHAND | 538,549 |
| 37 | WEST BENGAL | 1,556,205 |
| | Total | 26,059,687 |

Source : Reported by Public sector banks and NABARD on FI Plan Portal

