GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2772 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021

AGRICULTURAL HOUSEHOLDS

2772. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that according to a report titled Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India 2019, most small and marginal rural households are earning their livelihoods as wage labourers than from farming;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the suggestions of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prioritise policy reforms that help the marginal farmers who are largely dependent on farming for income so that they do not exit agriculture to become wage labourers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a): The National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has conducted the latest survey on 'Land

and Livestock Holdings of Households and Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households' during January- December, 2019. As per the survey, 'percentage distribution of rural households by household classification for different size classes of land possessed (ha.)' is given in Annexure-I and 'average monthly income (paid out expenses approach) from different sources per agricultural household' during agricultural year July 2018 - June 2019 is given in Annexure-II.

(b) & (c): The Government is implementing various schemes for supply of farm inputs, like seeds, fertilizers, agricultural machinery and equipments, irrigation facilities, institutional credit, etc., at subsidized rates to the farmers in the country. Further, with a view to make agriculture attractive and more remunerative for farmers including marginal farmers, Government is implementing a number of schemes which include Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY); Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme; National Agriculture Market Scheme (e-NAM); Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY); Pradhan Matri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana scheme; 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); and Agriculture Infrastructure Fund(AIF). Government is also promoting integrated farming with focus on horticulture, floriculture, bee-keeping, fisheries, agro-forestry, etc. to diversify the income base of agricultural households.

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Percentage distribution of rural households by household classification for different size classes of land possessed (ha.)

size class	household classification												
of land possesse d (ha.)	self-employment in:				regular wage/salaried earning in:		casual labour in:		others	all			
	produ	livestoc k farming	other agricultur al activities	se	agricult ure		agricult ure	non- agricultur e					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)			
< 0.01	2.6	0.6	1.1	12.1	2.5	15.7	27.5	22.1	15.8	100.0			
0.01 - 0.40	22.3	1.8	1.0	12.3	2.4	12.6	17.9	22.1	7.4	100.0			
0.40 - 1.00	71.3	1.3	0.5	4.2	1.2	6.0	6.4	7.2	2.0	100.0			
1.01 - 2.00	81.4	1.3	0.5	3.0	0.6	5.5	2.8	3.6	1.3	100.0			
2.01 - 4.00	85.7	1.3	0.7	2.6	0.7	4.3	1.2	2.4	1.0	100.0			
4.01 - 10.00	89.7	1.2	0.2	1.2	0.4	4.6	0.1	1.9	0.7	100.0			
10.00 +	87.9	0.8	0.0	0.1	2.9	1.9	0.0	6.2	0.1	100.0			
all sizes	40.0	1.5	0.8	9.0	1.9	10.4	14.1	15.9	6.3	100.0			

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

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Average monthly income (Rs.) from different sources per agricultural household during July 2018 - June 2019 for each size class of land possessed (ha.)

(where net receipt is obtained considering 'paid out expenses' approach)

(Production of the control of												
size class of land	income	income	net receipt	net receipt	net receipt	total						
possessed (ha.)	from	from	from crop	from	from non-	income						
	wages	leasing out	production *	farming of	farm							
		of land		animals*	business							
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)						
< 0.01	6,435	254	1,660	2,084	772	11,204						
0.01 - 0.40	4,491	189	977	1,162	703	7,522						
0.40 - 1.00	3,906	76	2,683	1,335	570	8,571						
1.01 - 2.00	3,647	74	5,269	1,845	613	11,449						
2.01 - 4.00	3,548	146	9,432	2,551	758	16,435						
4.01 - 10.00	4,273	451	19,645	3,451	472	28,292						
10.00 +	3,943	581	43,599	11,473	1,162	60,758						
all sizes	4,063	134	3,798	1,582	641	10,218						

^{*} only out-of-pocket expenses were considered for working out net receipt

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