

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2022

CATEGORISATION OF FARMERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has categorized the farmers into small, marginal, BPL and OBC categories and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the average size of land holdings in the country is small and marginal which is not viable for the farmers, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to improve their productivity, State-wise;
- (c) whether agriculture income is not sufficient for 85 percent of the farmer families in the country according to the India Rural Development Report and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): In Agriculture Census, the operational holdings are categorized in five size classes as given below:

S. No.	Category	Size-Class
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): 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 improve productivity of small and marginal holdings, the Government is promoting adoption of modern technologies and practices like multiple cropping, intercropping and Integrated farming systems (IFS). Integrated Farming System (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.

(c): To enhance the remuneration of small and marginal farmers, Government is implementing a number of Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Soil Health Card (SHC), Rainfed Area Development (RAD) Programme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), 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), Agri Infrastructure Fund (AIF) etc.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1123 due for Answer on
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State-wise average size of holdings as per results of Agriculture Census 2015-16		
S. No.	States/UTs	Average size of holdings(in Hectare)
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
All India		1.08
