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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4313
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2022

CLASSIFICATION OF FARMERS

4313.SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has classified the farmers into the small, marginal, persons living Below Poverty Line (BPL) and the farmers relating to Other Backward Class (OBC) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the average size of the agricultural land holding is small and marginal and it is also not remunerative to the farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to enhance their productivity; and
- (d) whether the income from the agriculture sector is not adequate for the eighty five percent families of the farmers as per the Rural Development Report and if so, the reactions of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं 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)&(c): As per Agriculture Census 2015-16, average size of the land holdings in the country was 1.08 hectare. 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. 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.

(d): To enhance the remuneration of small and marginal farmers, Government is implementing a number of Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Krishi SinchayeeYojana (PMKSY), Pradhan MantriKisanSammanNidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan MantriAnnadataAaySanrakshanAbhiyan (PM-AASHA), Paramparagat Krishi VikasYojana (PKVY), Soil Health Card (SHC), Rainfed Area Development (RAD) Programme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Neem Coated Urea, Pradhan MantriFasalBimaYojana (PMFBY), National Agriculture Market Scheme (e-NAM), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi VikasYojana (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.
