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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1590**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF FARMERS**

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SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:  
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:  
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:  
DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
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SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:  
SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:  
SHRI RAJESH VERMA:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:  
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:  
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  $\text{₹}\ddot{\text{a}}\ddot{\text{o}}\ddot{\text{S}}\ddot{\text{a}}\ddot{\text{a}}\ddot{\text{O}}\ddot{\text{a}}$  एवं किसान कल्याण  
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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the social and economic conditions of farmers and categorised them into various groups including below poverty line farmers and landless farmers and if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there has been an adverse impact on agricultural operation due to shortage/non-availability of farm workers during harvest seasons and if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to dovetail agricultural activities/works with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act to enhance general wage level of agricultural workers/ labourers, provide livelihood security to them and ensure their availability in the farm sector in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the new initiatives/policies undertaken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the welfare of farmers and ameliorate their socio-economic conditions in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducted Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households during January-December, 2013 in the rural areas of the country for the reference period of the agricultural year July 2012-June 2013. The results of the survey have been presented by different size classes of land possessed. However this survey did not classify the farmers as below poverty line and landless.

Based on this survey, a statement on estimated average monthly income per agricultural household for the agricultural year July, 2012-June 2013 is given at the Annexure.

(b): As reported by the Department of Rural Development, most of the works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) take place during the lean agricultural season. Moreover, according to the Population Census data, the total number of Agricultural workers in the country increased from 234.1 million in 2001 to 263.1 million in 2011. Hence there is no conclusive evidence to suggest that harvesting is adversely affected due to non-availability of farm workers.

(c): Yes, Madam.

Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, the Government has issued guidelines that 60 % of the works need to be focused on agriculture and allied activities.

(d): In addition to the existing Schemes of the Government, like, National Food Security Mission, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, National Mission on Oilseeds & Oil Palm, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology, Unified National Agricultural Markets and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, etc., Government has initiated several schemes to promote agriculture and to improve the socio-economic conditions of farmers in the country, some of which are given below:

- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Soil Health Card Scheme, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Crop Diversification Programme etc. has been launched for welfare of the farmers and to improve the productivity.
- The Research Institutes under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have developed several low cost tools, implements and machines appropriate for various categories of farm holdings.
- To adopt technically advanced agricultural equipments, farmers are provided grants, incentives and financial assistance through the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization, a component of the National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology.

## Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question  
Number 1590 due for answer on 26/07/2016

<b>Estimated average monthly income<sup>@</sup> (in Rs.) per agricultural household by size class of land possessed during the agricultural year July 2012 – June 2013.</b>								
<b>State/Group of UTs<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>Size Class (in hectares)</b>							
	<b>&lt;0.01</b>	<b>0.01 - 0.40</b>	<b>0.41 - 1.00</b>	<b>1.01 - 2.00</b>	<b>2.01 - 4.00</b>	<b>4.01 - 10.00</b>	<b>10.00+</b>	<b>all size</b>
Andhra Pradesh	4529	4991	3838	5805	6909	16913	21779	5979
Arunachal Pradesh	8555	942	5479	14016	14210	12081	0	10869
Assam	3959	3582	5534	9089	13202	17612	1013974	6695
Bihar	4979	2942	3005	4084	11192	24852	34461	3558
Chhattisgarh	894	3127	3710	5877	8234	12600	30209	5177
Gujarat	6474	6141	7558	7587	9657	14399	36040	7926
Haryana	3993	8901	9855	14196	15671	42073	128861	14434
Himachal Pradesh	2960	6316	10055	10137	23066	20455	477938	8777
Jammu & Kashmir	7446	9795	14798	12867	49937	10844	0	12683
Jharkhand	4799	4871	4297	5208	6278	9563	5033	4721
Karnataka	4060	7045	6252	7262	12398	21789	35137	8832
Kerala	0	8885	13998	16638	12447	54609	228940	11888
Madhya Pradesh	3813	3304	3782	5940	8839	19748	36149	6210
Maharashtra	5059	5424	5559	6751	8341	15865	44556	7386
Manipur	21978	4452	6530	13470	13362	29657	0	8842
Meghalaya	0	13991	9424	13019	15857	19417	0	11792
Mizoram	10249	21846	6861	11424	11252	5472	0	9099
Nagaland	4769	15197	10026	7797	6736	13764	0	10048
Odisha	5538	3732	4203	6852	12473	17927	140604	4976
Punjab	6062	7864	14219	17768	28082	44044	90796	18059
Rajasthan	3112	5137	5380	7086	8641	14795	27675	7350
Sikkim	9292	6945	5900	10100	14435	15402	0	6798
Tamil Nadu	6606	7087	5646	6371	10849	18197	17602	6980
Telangana	4087	3797	5409	6290	7600	13040	8593	6311
Tripura	4514	3810	5385	6739	10060	13918	0	5429
Uttarakhand	5709	2822	5649	9581	14116	37919	64350	4701
Uttar Pradesh	3683	2724	4605	8402	15861	22964	61605	4923
West Bengal	1502	3264	4385	6613	8036	38097	12510	3980
Group of UTs	3844	8987	7254	8740	14671	10934	25340	8568
<b>all India</b>	<b>4561</b>	<b>4152</b>	<b>5247</b>	<b>7348</b>	<b>10730</b>	<b>19637</b>	<b>41388</b>	<b>6426</b>

<sup>@</sup> The income includes income from salary/wages, net receipt from cultivation, net receipt from farming of animals and net receipt from non-firm business

<sup>#</sup> Figures for remaining States are not published due to inadequate sample size (i.e. number of sample households less than 300). Figures for UTs have been clubbed and given against 'Group of UTs' due to the same reason.

Source: Table 1 of Appendix A, NSS Report No. 576: Income, Expenditure, Productive Assets and Indebtedness of Agricultural Households in India, NSSO, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

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