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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.417**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016

**SUBSIDY TO FARMERS**

417. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

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

- (a) the number of farmers in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether a majority of small farmers are indebtedness in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the efforts being made by the Government to bail them out from debt;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any policy for extending benefits of subsidy and incentives to the farmers for cultivation of crops and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to constitute a commission to suggest ways and means of raising farm income on the line of pay commission in the service sector and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

प्रकृषि एवं किसान कल्याण विभाग के मंत्री ( SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): As per the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households, conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during the agricultural year July 2012 to June 2013, the estimated number of rural agricultural households in the country was 90.2 million. Out of this, about 47 million households, i.e., 52 percent, were estimated to be under debt from various sources. State-wise details are at Annexure-I.

About 56 per cent of the small agricultural households (land holdings of 1-2 hectare) were estimated to be indebted during the survey period.

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Government of India is making efforts for increasing the coverage of institutional credit in the agricultural sector. As against the agricultural credit target of Rs. 8,50,000 crore for 2015-16, a total of Rs. 8,77,224 crore (provisional) has been advanced through commercial banks, cooperative banks and regional rural banks. Further, an interest subvention scheme is under implementation since 2006-07. Under the Scheme, the farmers who repay their crop loans as per the repayment schedule fixed by the banks enjoy 3 per cent interest subvention. Thus, making their effective interest rate for crop loan 4 per cent per annum. In order to discourage distress sale by farmers and to encourage them to store their produce, the benefit of interest subvention scheme has been extended to small and marginal farmers having Kisan Credit Card for a further period of upto six months, post-harvest on the same rate as available to crop loan against negotiable warehouse receipts.

(c): The existing Schemes of the Government have provisions for subsidies on various agricultural inputs such as, seeds, fertilizers, machinery and equipments etc., to incentivize farmers in the country for cultivation of crops. Government also fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for various agricultural crops, as an instrument to incentivize farmers to bring more area under cultivation of crops and to invest on increasing the productivity. Details of MSP announced during the last five years are given in Annexure-II.

(d) No, Madam.

## Annexure-I

### State-wise estimated number of indebted Agricultural Households

State/ Group of UTs*	Estimated number of agricultural households (00)	Estimated number of indebted agricultural households (00)	Proportion of agricultural households with outstanding loan**
Andhra Pradesh	35968	33421	92.9
Arunachal Pradesh	1080	206	19.1
Assam	34230	5995	17.5
Bihar	70943	30156	42.5
Chhattisgarh	25608	9538	37.2
Gujarat	39305	16743	42.6
Haryana	15693	6645	42.3
Himachal Pradesh	8811	2457	27.9
Jammu & Kashmir	11283	3463	30.7
Jharkhand	22336	6464	28.9
Karnataka	42421	32775	77.3
Kerala	14043	10908	77.7
Madhya Pradesh	59950	27414	45.7
Maharashtra	70970	40672	57.3
Manipur	1762	421	23.9
Meghalaya	3544	84	2.4
Mizoram	758	47	6.2
Nagaland	2621	65	2.5
Odisha	44935	25830	57.5
Punjab	14083	7499	53.2
Rajasthan	64835	40055	61.8
Sikkim	674	97	14.3
Tamil Nadu	32443	26780	82.5
Telangana	25389	22628	89.1
Tripura	2445	559	22.9
Uttarakhand	10608	5387	50.8
Uttar Pradesh	180486	79081	43.8
West Bengal	63624	32787	51.5
Group of UTs	718	267	37.2
<b>All-India</b>	<b>902011</b>	<b>468481</b>	<b>51.9</b>

Source: Key Indicators of Situation of Agricultural Households in India based on Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households, NSS 70<sup>th</sup> round

\* Figures in respect of States with negligible sample size are not presented. Due to the same reason, a single estimate is provided for Group of UTs.

\*\* relates to all kinds of outstanding loan irrespective of the purpose for which taken.



**Annexure-II**

**Minimum Support Prices (according to crop-year)**

(As on 01.06.2016)  
(Rs. per Quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
	<b><u>KHARIF CROPS</u></b>						
1	PADDY	Common	1250	1310	1360	1410	1470
		Grade 'A'	1280	1345	1400	1450	1510
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	1500	1500	1530	1570	1625
		Maldandi	1520	1520	1550	1590	1650
3	BAJRA		1175	1250	1250	1275	1330
4	MAIZE		1175	1310	1310	1325	1365
5	RAGI		1500	1500	1550	1650	1725
6	ARHAR(Tur)		3850	4300	4350	4425^	4625^^
7	MOONG		4400	4500	4600	4650^	4800^^
8	URAD		4300	4300	4350	4425^	4575^^
9	COTTON	Medium Staple	3600	3700	3750	3800	3860
		Long Staple	3900	4000	4050	4100	4160
10	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL		3700	4000	4000	4030	4120*
11	SUNFLOWER SEED		3700	3700	3750	3800	3850*
12	SOYABEAN	Black	2200	2500	2500	-	-
		Yellow\$\$	2240	2560	2560	2600	2675*
13	SESAMUM		4200	4500	4600	4700	4800^
14	NIGERSEED		3500	3500	3600	3650	3725*
	<b><u>RABI CROPS</u></b>						
15	WHEAT		1350	1400	1450	1525	
16	BARLEY		980	1100	1150	1225	
17	GRAM		3000	3100	3175	3425**	
18	MASUR (LENTIL)		2900	2950	3075	3325**	
19	RAPSEED/MUSTARD		3000	3050	3100	3350	
20	SAFFLOWER		2800	3000	3050	3300	
21	TORIA		2970	3020	3020	3290	
	<b><u>OTHER CROPS</u></b>						
22	COPRA	Milling	5100	5250	5250	5550	5950
	(Calender Year)	Ball	5350	5500	5500	5830	6240
23	DE-HUSKED COCONUT		1400	1425	1425	1500	1600
	(Calender Year)						
24	JUTE		2200	2300	2400	2700	3200
25	SUGARCANE\$		170.00	210.00	220.00	230.00	230.00

\$ Fair and remunerative price.

\*\* Bonus of Rs. 75 per quintal is payable over and above the Minimum Support Price .

^ Bonus of Rs. 200 per quintal is payable over and above the Minimum Support Price .

^^ Bonus of Rs. 425 per quintal is payable over and above the Minimum Support Price .

\* Bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal is payable over and above the Minimum Support Price .

\$\$ Minimum Support Price of Soyabean yellow is also applicable to black variety during 2015-16 and 2016-17.

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