

**Statement**

*Statement to be Laid on the Table of Lok Sabha Vide Part(A) of Unstarred Question No. 2836 for 16.12.1998*

**Annexure**

Revenue District Wise WRsL as on 30.11.1998

Sl. No.	Name of the District	WL as on 30.11.98
1	2	3
1.	Adilabad	3075
2.	Ananthapur	5737
3.	Chittoor	12657
4.	Guddapah	5185
5.	East Godavari*	16982
	*Excluding Yanam(UT)	
6.	Guntur	18878
7.	Hyderabad	21835
8.	Karimnagar	13606
9.	Khammam	7956
10.	Krishna	13917
11.	Kurnool	2433
12.	Mahaboobnagar	3187
13.	Medak	3737
14.	Nalgonda	8237
15.	Nellore	7839
16.	Nizamabad	3785

1	2	3
17.	Prakasham	7341
18.	Rangareddy	6386
19.	Srikakulam	2292
20.	Visakhapatnam	10104
21.	Vizianagaram	1864
22.	Warangal	5589
23.	West Godawari	18178
	Total	200800
	Yanam(UT)	327
	Total A.P. Circle	201127

[Translation]

**Small and Marginal Farmers**

2837. DR. SUSHIL INDORA :  
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :  
SHRI RAJO SINGH :  
DR. CHINTA MOHAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of small and marginal farmers are increasing continuously;

(b) if so, the average number of small and marginal farmers in the country during the First and Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(c) the criterion adopted by the Government to identify these farmers;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any special scheme to make the agriculture a profitable industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Agricultural Census of operational holdings in India is being conducted quinquennially since 1970-71. A statement showing the number of small and marginal holding in the country as per the First (1970-71) and the latest (1990-91) Agricultural Census is enclosed.

(c) The criterion adopted by Government of India to identify these farmers is given below :—

Size-Classes	Operated Area
(i) Marginal holdings	Below 1.0 hectare
(ii) Small holdings	1.0 hectare to less than 2.0 hectares.

(d) and (e) In order to increase the production and productivity of various crops in the country, the Government is implementing crop specific development programmes/schemes in which incentives are provided to farmers for use of quality seeds and location specific hybrid varieties, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation and improved farm implements. Besides, field demonstrations on farmers holdings including training of farmers and farm labourers are organised for effective transfer of technology. Government is also providing price and market support to the farmers by announcing the Minimum Support Prices and making arrangements for the procurement through nodal agencies. The subsidised supply of fertilisers encourages its consumption for maintaining growth of agricultural output. Under these schemes, special concessions/subsidies are being given to small and marginal farmers on specific components.

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#### *Number of Small and Marginal Holdings*

(in '000)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	1970-71		1990-91	
		Small	Marginal	Small	Marginal
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1065	2492	1972	5211
2.	Assam	467	1120	560	1521
3.	Bihar	1109	4874	1438	10193
4.	Gujarat	464	579	915	924
5.	Haryana	173	250	304	622
6.	Himachal Pradesh	123	355	166	532
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	154	713	197	902
8.	Karnataka	840	1081	1586	2262
9.	Kerala	268	1880	280	5016

1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	Madhya Pradesh	991	1683	1917	3136
11.	Maharashtra	878	1242	2728	3275
12.	Manipur	34	33	49	69
13.	Meghalaya	52	55	51	59
14.	Nagaland	16	9	21	13
15.	Orissa	1121	1476	1035	2118
16.	Punjab	260	518	204	296
17.	Rajasthan	691	940	1019	1517
18.	Sikkim	—	—	11	26
19.	Tamil Nadu	1109	3125	1275	5848
20.	Tripura	47	174	69	217
21.	Uttar Pradesh	2689	10453	3118	14819
22.	West Bengal	942	2528	1107	4639
23.	A & N Island	1	Ng	2	2
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	9	6	17	16
25.	Chandigarh	1	2	Ng	1
26.	D & N Haveli	3	6	4	6
27.	Delhi	6	14	8	26
28.	Goa	15	48	8	58
29.	Lakshadweep	Ng	4	Ng	6
30.	Mizoram	—	—	23	29
31.	Pondicherry	4	22	5	26
32.	Daman & Diu	—	—	Ng	3
Total :		13432	35682	20089	63388