

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE CENSUS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government conduct Agriculture Census in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives of such survey;
- (c) the year upto which the process of Agriculture Census has been completed and finalized;
- (d) the year in which next Agriculture Census is proposed to be conducted; and
- (e) the funds released therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Agriculture Census is being conducted in the country quinquennially since 1970-71 to collect information on structure of operational holdings by Social Groups, Gender and Size class. Details characteristics on Land use, Tenure, Irrigation, Wells & Tube wells, Cropping Pattern and scatteredness of operational holdings are also collected on sample basis by social group and size class.

The main objectives of the Agriculture Census are:

- i) To describe structure and characteristics of agriculture by providing statistical data on operational holdings;
- ii) To provide benchmark data needed for formulating new agricultural development programmes and for evaluating their progress;
- iii) To provide basic frame of operational holdings for carrying out future agricultural surveys and;
- iv) To lay a basis for developing an integrated programme for current agricultural statistics.

(c): The Agriculture Census with reference year 1995-96 (July-June) has been completed and finalized.

(d): The next Agriculture Census with reference year 2005-06 (July-June) has been launched in November, 2005.

(e): The year-wise funds released in X Five Year Plan period are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

2002-03	8.92
2003-04	8.64
2004-05	13.48
2005-06	7.52
(upto 31.10.05)	