

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDEBTEDNESS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Sample Survey Organisation has conducted any survey recently to find out the average annual loan taken by the farmers;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Incidences Of Indebtedness (IOI) has increased in rural areas as compared to the survey conducted in 1991;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has analysed the reasons for non-payment of loans by the farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) A `Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers` was conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in its 59th Round during January-December 2003. In this Survey, among other things, information was collected on the average amount of outstanding loan taken by the farmers, of which state-wise details are enclosed.

(c) Yes, sir. As per `All India Debt and Investment Survey` conducted by NSSO in its 59th Round during January-December 2003, the Incidences of Indebtedness (IOI) in rural areas have increased in 2002 as compared to the IOI in 1991. The percentage distribution of amount of cash dues by purpose on the basis of this survey indicates that in the rural areas the loan taken for productive purposes (capital expenditure and current expenditure) in farm and non-farm business have increased.

(d), (e) & (f) According to the Banking Division of the Ministry of Finance

(i) faulty crop patterns,

(ii) natural calamities,

(iii) non-remunerative prices,

(iv) low yields,

(v) fragmented land holdings,

(vi) poor infrastructure etc. are some of the reasons responsible for non-payment of loans taken by the farmers.