

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SMALL AND MARGINAL FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of small and marginal farm holdings in the country, State-wise; and  
(b) the details of the schemes being implemented for upliftment of these small and marginal farmers?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per Agricultural Census 1995-96 there are 21643 thousand small and 71179 thousand marginal holdings in the country. The State wise distribution of these holdings is at Annexure-I.

(b): A number of schemes are being implemented for increasing production of agriculture and horticulture produce. The important schemes are On Farm Water Management in Eastern India, Technology Mission on Cotton, Macro Management in Agriculture, Horticulture Mission for the North Eastern Region, Technology Mission on Coconut, Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Areas, Gramin Bhandaran Yojana, National Agriculture Insurance, Agri-Clinics and Agri-business Centre Schemes. Financial assistance is provided to the small, marginal and other farmers under these schemes. The various components on which assistance is provided include seed, integrated pest management, training of farmers, micronutrients farm implements, plant protection equipment, etc.

Annexure-I

Number of Marginal and Small operational holdings as per Agricultural Census, 1995-96

Sl.No.	States/Uts	Marginal	Small (Number in Thousands)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6300	2262
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	21	20
3.	Assam	1669	561
4.	Bihar (including Jharkhand)	11344	1526
5.	Goa	57	8
6.	Gujarat	1034	1058
7.	Haryana	815	338
8.	Himachal Pradesh	556	173
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1041	187
10.	Karnataka	2610	1707
11.	Kerala	5918	262
12.	Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh)	3878	2312
13.	Maharashtra	4266	3176
14.	Manipur	69	49
15.	Meghalaya	72	44
16.	Mizoram	28	26
17.	Nagaland	9	21
18.	Orissa	2145	1106
19.	Punjab	204	183
20.	Rajasthan	1611	1085

21. Sikkim	24	10
22. Tamilnadu	5951	1234
23. Tripura	247	40
24. Uttar Pradesh (Including Uttranchal)	16237	3135
25. West Bengal	5003	1101

All States        71109   21625

All Uts         70   18

Grand Total     71179   21643

Total may not tally due to rounding off.