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KISAN CREDIT CARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target for issuing Kisan Credit Cards(KCCs) for next two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of farmers who have applied and been issued KCCs by the Public Sector Banks during the last three years, State-wise alongwith the number of applications lying pending in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): The banks have been advised to extend agricultural loans to all eligible farmers through KCCs, to ensure timely and affordable credit to farmers.

(c) : The year wise details of the number of farmers issued KCCs by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are as follows:

| Year | No. of KCCs |
|---------|-------------|
| 2006-07 | 48,07,964 |
| 2007-08 | 46,05,775 |
| 2008-09 | 58,33,981 |

The Data Reporting System of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not generate any information either about the number of farmers applying for Kisan Credit Cards(KCCs) or the pendency of KCC applications in Public Sector Banks (PSBs).However,the reasons for pendency of KCC applications,in general,are submission of incomplete application forms by the farmers, improper documentation, etc.