

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONTRIBUTION OF FARMERS IN MARKET SURPLUS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the contribution made by small/marginal farmers in the market surplus of foodgrains production;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide wage assistance under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act to the farmers contributing in market surplus to the extent of land holding ceiling of small/marginal farmers in order to reduce the cost of foodgrain production and make agriculture a profitable vocation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): The data on market surplus of foodgrains production of small/marginal farmers is not maintained.
- (b) & (c): There is no proposal under consideration to provide wage assistance under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act to the farmers. The Ministry of Rural Development has issued guidelines for construction of dug wells and farm ponds, recharge structures on existing well and conveyance system on the lands of small and marginal farmers for water conservation and water harvesting purposes.