

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CATEGORISATION OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment with regard to the categorization of farmer's community such as poor farmers, marginal farmers, medium farmers and rich farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): According to the Agriculture Censuses conducted in the country, the operational holdings are categorized as follows:-

Sl.No.	Category	Operated Area
1.	2.	3.

1. Marginal holdings Below 1.0 hectare
2. Small holdings 1.0 - 2.0 hectares
3. Semi-Medium holdings 2.0 - 4.0 hectares
4. Medium holdings 4.0 - 10.0 hectares
5. Large holdings 10.0 hectares and above

(b): As per the latest Agriculture Census 2005-06, the State-wise number of marginal, small, semi-medium, medium and large holdings are given at the Annexure.