

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of farmers in the country do not get jobs during non-agricultural period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any study in this regard has been conducted/likely to be conducted;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the action taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

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) & (b): According to Ministry of Rural Development, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing atleast one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Any adult who demands work is provided work any time during the year, irrespective of his status in terms of his occupation i.e. being a farmer, farm labourer or otherwise. The benefits of works on individual lands have been extended to small and marginal farmers to provide provision of irrigation facility, horticulture plantation and land development facilities to land owned by households belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or Below Poverty Line families or to beneficiaries of land reforms or to the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojna of the Government of India or that of small farmers or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008.

(c): According to information made available by the Ministry of Rural Development, no study has been conducted in this regard.

(d) & (e): Does not arise in view of the answer to (a) to (c) above.