

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON LANDLESS FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study on the number and condition of landless farmers and gardeners in the country including Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) to (c): Agriculture Census is conducted by Government of India on quinquennial basis for collecting data on various parameters of agricultural operational holdings. As per the Agriculture Census 2000-01, the estimated number of landless farmers i.e. operational holders cultivating wholly leased-in land and wholly otherwise operated land in the country including Himachal Pradesh (excluding the States of Bihar, Jharkhand and Meghalaya) was 6,60,991.