

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FARMERS BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the number of farmers living below poverty line in the country including in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of welfare schemes under implementation for them;
- (d) the details of funds released by the Government under such schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise/scheme-wise;and
- (e) the number of farmers benefited therefrom, State-wise?

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 Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has not conducted any study to ascertain the number of farmers living below the poverty line.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) to (e): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a number of schemes for development of agriculture leading to welfare of farmers. The flagship schemes include (i) Macro Management of Agriculture; (ii) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana; (iii) National Horticulture Mission; (iv) National Food Security Mission; (v) Micro Irrigation; (vi) Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms; (vii) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM); (viii) National Bamboo Mission; and (ix) Horticulture Mission for North-East and Himalayan States, (x) Technology Mission on Cotton; and (xi) National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility. Scheme-wise and State-wise details of funds released under these schemes are given in the annexure -1 (i to xi).