

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LAND HOLDINGS OF FARMERS
Das Shri Khagen;Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a majority of the farmers in the country are marginal farmers;
- (b) if so, the number of marginal farmers and their land holdings, State-wise during the last two years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any scheme specific for the welfare of marginal farmers; and
- (d) 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) & (b): As per the latest Agriculture Census 2005-06, 64.77 percent of the total number of operational holdings in the country (excluding Jharkhand) were of marginal category. The State-wise number of marginal operational holdings and their operated area are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): The Government provides financial incentives, grants and concessions to the farmers, with special emphasis on marginal farmers through various Schemes such as National Food Security Mission, National Horticulture Mission, Technology for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the North Eastern States, Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms, Macro Management of Agriculture, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds etc.