

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE CENSUS  
Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government conducts Agriculture Census in every five years;
- (b) if so, the objectives of the census;
- (c) the manner in which the census is conducted;
- (d) whether the expenditure for this scheme is met by the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b): The main objective of the Agriculture Census is the collection and derivation of quantitative information about the structural aspects of agricultural holdings in the country.

(c): The Agriculture Census is implemented in three distinct phases, which are statistically linked together but focus on different aspects of agricultural statistics. In Phase-I, list of holdings (on complete enumeration basis in Land Record States and on sample basis in non-Land Record States) with their area and social characteristics of the holders is prepared. In Phase-II, detailed data on agricultural characteristics of holdings are collected from selected villages. In Phase-III, data on input use pattern are collected from selected holdings in selected villages.

(d) & (e): The Agriculture Census is a Central Sector Plan Scheme under which 100 percent grant- in- aid is provided to States /UTs to meet expenditure on salaries, office expenses, travel expenses, printing of schedules, honoraria for field/supervisory staff, cost of tabulation etc. The total expenditure incurred on Agriculture Census during the 11th Plan (as on 03.03.2011) is Rs. 59.45 Crores.