

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a large percentage of our population including Jharkhand earns their livelihood from agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and percentage wise;
- (c) whether there is a lack of facilities for two crop, soil testing, timely availability of seeds and proper training to farmers in various States including Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and reasons therefor alongwith the corrective measures proposed to be taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a) & (b): As per Census 2001, 58.20% of workforce in India and 66.68% of workforce in Jharkhand earn their livelihood from agriculture. State wise number of total workers, agricultural workers and percentage of agricultural workers to total workers is given in the enclosed statement.
- (c) & (d): Government provides facilities in terms of soil testing, timely availability of seeds and proper training to farmers through various schemes like National Food Security Mission, Development of infrastructure facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds, National Project on Soil Health and Fertility, revitalization of the extension system through Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Establishment of Agri-clinic and Agri-business Centres for agricultural graduates, etc.