

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CREDIT CARDS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of credit cards issued to the farmers during each of the last three years;
- (b) the total number of farmers who defaulted on the said credit cards; and
- (c) the total number of farmers benefited under the loan waiver scheme, State-wise?

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): Details of Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) issued to the farmers during each of the last three years are as under:

(No. in lakh)

Year	Number of KCCs issued
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2006-07	85.11
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2007-08	84.70
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2008-09	67.96
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(b): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has informed that 828.70 lakh KCCs have been issued upto March, 2009 of which Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have issued 476.16 lakh KCCs. Out of a total of 476.16 lakh KCCs issued by Cooperative Banks and RRBs upto March, 2009, 238.39 lakh KCCs are operative accounts. Rest of the KCCs issued are inoperative either due to default in repayment of overdues or unwillingness of farmers to renew the KCC. Information in respect of operative KCC accounts with Commercial Banks is not available.

(c): Information is annexed.