

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL INCENTIVES TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of small and marginal farmers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide special incentives to farmers particularly small and marginal farmers for procuring agricultural implements and machineries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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): Based on the Agriculture Census 2000-2001 number of small and marginal operational holders of all social groups in the country is given in Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Incentives in the form of subsidy for the purchase of agricultural machines is available to all categories of farmers including small and marginal farmers under the Revised Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme. Subsidy for purchase of agricultural machines is also available under other schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, viz. 'Post Harvest Technology and Management', 'Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Utrakhand' and 'National Food Security Mission'.