

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURE CENSUS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is conducting agriculture census in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details including its major features and time-frame?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Agriculture Census is a Central Sector Plan Scheme under which 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. Main objective of the Scheme is collection of data and derivation of quantitative information about structural aspects of agricultural holdings in the country. Agriculture Census is implemented in three distinct phases, which are statistically linked but focus on different aspects of agricultural statistics. In Phase-I, data on number and area of operational holdings by size-group, social category, type and gender is collected. In Phase-II, detailed data on agricultural characteristics of holdings is collected from selected villages. In Phase-III, data on input use pattern is collected from selected holdings of selected villages. Agriculture Census is conducted at interval of five years.