

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey/census to ascertain the number of farmers and agricultural workers in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of farmers and agricultural workers in various States including Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Haryana;
- (c) whether the number of farmers is declining during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage the farmers to take up farming in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): As per latest available data of Population Census 2001, number of cultivators and agricultural labourers in various States of India including Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Haryana is Annexed.
- (c) & (d): As per data available from last three Population Censuses, number of cultivators in the country has increased from 92.5 million in 1981 to 110.7 million in 1991, to 127.3 million in 2001.
- (e): Strategies formulated by the Government to encourage farmers to take up farming in the country include (i) promoting adoption of modern technologies and practices like multiple cropping, intercropping and integrated farming systems (ii) dissemination of knowledge through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Kisan Melas, exhibitions and training programmes on a regular basis in different parts of the country to create awareness about improved agricultural technologies (iii) strengthening farm credit delivery system for providing credit at affordable rate of interest to support the resource requirements of the agricultural sector (iv) providing adequate support services to the farmers to make agriculture a remunerative vocation on sustainable basis etc.