

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:162

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AGRICULTURAL LOANS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the financial institutions providing loans to the agriculture sector alongwith the amount of loan disbursed by them during the current year, bank-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether instances of denial of credit to farmers on account of poor recovery have been received;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the loans disbursed to the small and marginal farmers are on the decline during the said period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 162 to be answered on 2nd December, 2011 regarding Agricultural Loans, tabled by Dr. Mahesh Joshi and Shri Nishikant Dubey:

(a)to(e): The Government of India has been setting an indicative annual target for the flow of credit to the agriculture sector. The target for the year 2011-12 has been set at Rs 4,75,000 crore. Against this target, the achievement upto 30th September, 2011 is 2,23,380.18 crore. The bank wise details of achievement upto 30th September, 2011 in respect of public sector banks and private sector banks are given at Annex-I and Annex-II respectively. State-wise details in respect of cooperative banks and regional rural banks is given in Annex-III. The number of farm loan accounts belonging to Small Farmer/Marginal Farmer increased from 284.73 lakh in 2009-10 to 334.67 lakh in 2010-11. During the current year, 321 lakh farm loan accounts have been financed upto September, 2011 which includes 193.73 lakh accounts of small and marginal farmers. The Government has taken a number of steps to improve access to agricultural credit, particularly to small and marginal farmers. These include waiving of requirement of 'no dues' certificate for small loans upto Rs 50,000, introduction of Kisan Credit Card for need based access to agriculture credit, introduction of interest subvention to make short - term crop loan upto Rs 3 lakh available at 7% interest and additional interest subvention for timely repayment of crop loan.