

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4236
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LAND HOLDINGS OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prescribed any criterion to categorise farmers based on the size of their land holdings in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the prescribed criterion;
- (c) whether the Government conducted any survey to identify the number of farmers holding land in different categories; and
- (d) if so, the details of the land holdings, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): For conducting Agriculture Census in the country, Ministry of Agriculture has categorized operational holdings into following five major size-groups on the basis of their operated area:

Sl. No.	Operated Area	Size-group
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1	2	3
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1	Below 1.00 hectare	Marginal
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2	1.00-2.00 hectare	Small
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3	2.00-4.00 hectare	Semi-Medium
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4	4.00-10.00 hectare	Medium
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5	10.00 hectare and above	Large
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(c) & (d): A statement giving State-wise Number and Area of Marginal, Small, Semi-Medium, Medium and Large operational holdings in the country, as per the latest Agriculture Census 2005-06, is Annexed.