

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

- (a) whether about 40 per cent of agriculturists are not interested in agriculture despite increase in credit to agriculturists during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether these credits are meant for the benefit of agro-industries; and
- (d) if not, the details of the amount given as credit to farmers?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The level of interest in any economic activity in any sector of the economy depends on several socio-economic factors. The Government has not received any such report indicating that 40 percent of agriculturists are not interested in agriculture despite increase in credit to them. However, National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) in its Report No. 496 (59th round) on 'Some Aspects of Farming' based on a survey in 2003 published in July, 2005 had reported that an estimated 40% of farmers did not like farming.

(c) & (d): All scheduled domestic commercial banks are required to achieve 18% of their net bank credit as on 31st March of previous year under advances to agriculture sector of which not more than 4.5% is reckoned under indirect finance to agriculture which includes inter-alia, loans to food and agro-based processing units. Details of ground level agricultural credit flow during the last three years are given below:

Year    Amount (Rs. In crore)

2008-09    301908

2009-10    384514

2010-2011 446779