

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LAND HOLDINGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that size of the land holdings is shrinking in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify the number of farmers holding the land in different categories;
- (c) if so, whether it is also true that it has affected the agriculture production of the country; and
- (d) the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

(a) & (b): As per various Agriculture Censuses conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture in 1970-71, 1976-77, 1980-81, 1985-86, 1990-91, 1995-96, 2000-01 and 2005-06, the average size of operational holdings in the country was 2.28, 2.00, 1.84, 1.69, 1.55, 1.41, 1.33 and 1.23 hectares respectively, which shows that the average size of the operational holding has declined by about 46% in 2005-06 over 1970-71.

(c) & (d): As per the third Advance Estimates of Production of Food Grains for 2011-12 of Ministry of Agriculture, the total estimated food grain production in the year 2011-12 is 252.56 million tonnes which is appreciably higher from the 212.85 million tonnes in the year 2000-01.