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KISAN CREDIT CARDS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers who have applied for Kisan Credit Card (KCC) in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the number of farmers to whom KCCs have been issued during the said period;
- (c) the number of applications pending;
- (d) the reasons for pendency;
- (e) whether the Government has set any target to issue Kisan Credit Cards to farmers during the next two years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d): The Data Reporting System of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not generate any information either about the number of farmers applying for Kisan Credit Card (KCC) or the pendency of KCC applications in Public Sector Banks (PSBs). The details of the number of farmers to whom KCCs have been issued during the last three years by PSBs are as follows:

Year No. of KCCs

2006-07	4807964
2007-08	4605775
2008-09	5871246
	(provisional)

The reasons for pendency of KCC applications, in general, are submission of incomplete application form by the farmers, improper documentation, etc.

(e) & (f): Although the Government has not set any target to issue Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to farmers during the next two years, the banks have been advised to extend agricultural loans through KCC to ensure timely and affordable credit to farmers.