

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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INDEBTEDNESS OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of indebtedness of the farmers per family in the country, Statewise;
- (b) whether burden of debt on each farmer is more than the per capita annual average income in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to reduce the debt burden of farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a): As per the National Sample Survey Organization report No.498 (59th round) on 'Indebtedness of Farmers Household' out of 89.35 million farmer households 43.42 million (48.6%) were indebted in the country. State-wise details are at Annexure-I.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): Government has taken several measures for increasing credit flow from institutional sources and reducing dependence of farmers on non-institutional sources. Important initiatives taken by the Government in recent years are at annexure-II.