

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INCOME OF FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the average annual income of farmers working in agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether annual growth rate of the income of farmers in the country has marginally increased since 2000; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) conducted the "Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers" during 2003 in the rural areas collecting information, inter alia, on receipts and expenses relating to cultivation, farming of animals, non-farm business and wages. The average monthly income per farmer household at all India level during the year 2002-03 was Rs. 2115. The average monthly income per farmer household by source in each of the major States during 2002-03 is given at Annexure.

(c) & (d): At present there are no regular estimates of income of farmers. However, in 2003 National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducted the "Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers". The next "Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers" is scheduled for 2013-14. The NSSO conducts household consumer expenditure survey in rural and urban areas periodically. As per the NSS 61st round (2004-05) and NSS 68th round (2011-12), the Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE), which can be used as close proxy for income in rural and urban areas, was as under :

All India average rural and urban MPCE (Rs.)					
2004-5		2011-12		Growth (%)	
(NSS 61st round)		(NSS 68th round)			
Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
558.78	1052.36	1278.94	2399.24	128.8	127.9