

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government conducts any five yearly agricultural survey in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the items surveyed therein;
- (c) the details of such surveys conducted by the Government in the past; and
- (d) the main conclusions of the survey and the efforts made by the Government to incorporate these conclusions in its programmes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Government of India conducts Agriculture Census in the country at five yearly intervals. It provides information on number and area of operational holdings by various size classes, social groups and gender, tenancy status, terms of leasing, land use, irrigation status, source of irrigation, number of wells and tubewells, dispersal of operated area and cropping pattern etc. Another survey known as Input Survey is also conducted in the year following Agriculture Census. Input Survey gives information on application of inputs like seeds, fertilizers, agriculture implements and machineries and availability of agriculture credit from lending institutions.

(c) & (d): So far seven Agriculture Census (1970-71, 1976-77, 1980-81, 1985-86, 1990-91, 1995-96 and 2000-01) and six Input Surveys (1976-77, 1981-82, 1986-87, 1991-92, 1996-97 and 2001-02) have been completed. The results of the Census are used as appropriate in designing and implementation of the developmental programmes in the agriculture sector.