

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVOIRS DEPENDENT AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number and percentage of farmers in the country who are dependent on water reservoirs for irrigating their agricultural land;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance to such farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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): As per Agriculture Census 2000-01, out of 108.14 million operational holdings in the country, the number of operational holdings which received irrigation from different sources like canals, tanks, wells, tubewells etc was 52.58 million. The number of holdings irrigated by canals was 13.66 million i.e. 13%. The above mentioned figures do not include information relating to Bihar, Jharkhand and Meghalaya where Census could not be conducted.

(b) & (c): Central assistance is provided to the State Governments by the Ministry of Water Resources under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme and Command Area Development and Water Management Programme.