

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RATIO OF LAND TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of farmers having more than two hectares of agricultural land out of the total number of farmers in the country;
- (b) whether schemes/programmes are under implementation to improve the conditions of small and marginal farmers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the achievements realised during the last three years in this regard?

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, the percentage of operational holdings in the country in the category of `more than 2.0 hectares` were 18.2% of the total operational holdings.

(b) to (d): The Government provides financial incentives, grants, concessions to the farmers with special emphasis on holdings of small and marginal farmers through various Schemes such as National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Macro Management, National Horticulture Mission and Technology Mission for Horticulture for the North Eastern States. Central Government also provides subsidies on seeds, micro irrigation systems, machinery, premium on crop insurance and fertilizer, etc. The funds released under various Plan schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 were Rs.4679.87 crore, Rs.7058.10 crore and Rs.9502.48 crore respectively.