

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the present status of small scale farming in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to promote small scale farming to deal with the problem of food security in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a): Agricultural Census is conducted at five yearly intervals to collect data on various characteristics of operational holdings (which is defined as "All land which is used wholly or partly for agricultural production and is operated as one technical unit by one person alone or with others without regard to the title, legal form, size or location") in the country. As per the results of the latest Agricultural Census 2010-11, a statement on number and area of marginal (below 1.00 hectare) and small (1.00-2.00 hectare) operational holdings is given at Annexure.

(b) to (d): The Government has taken several steps to promote Agriculture sector and small scale farming in the country. The Crop Development programme implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is primarily designed for the small and marginal farmers. As per guidelines, at least 33% allocation of fund is made for small and marginal farmers.

Assistance to small land holdings for various farm operations is also provided through custom hiring centres. Besides, all category of farmers including small and marginal farmers are supported through various schemes such as, National Food Security Mission, Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India, National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm, Crop Diversification Programme in Green Revolution States, National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology, etc. Small and Marginal farmers are also benefited through formation of Farmer – Producer Organization (FPO).