

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

- (a) the number of landless farmers in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of life of the landless farmers in rural areas of the country;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to provide land to such landless farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): Information on the number of landless farmers is not maintained. As per Census, 2011 the number of agricultural labourers in the country, State/UT-wise is given below:

Sr.No.	States/UTs	Agricultural Labourers
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,69,67,754
2	A & N Island	4,781
3	Arunachal Pradesh	36,171
4	Assam	18,45,346
5	Bihar	1,83,45,649
6	Chandigarh	1,687
7	Chhattisgarh	50,91,882
8	Daman & Diu	772
9	D & N Haveli	17,799
10	Goa	26,760
11	Gujarat	68,39,415
12	Haryana	15,28,133
13	Himachal Pradesh	1,75,038
14	Jammu & Kashmir	5,47,705
15	Jharkhand	44,36,052
16	Karnataka	71,55,963
17	Kerala	13,22,850
18	Lakshadweep	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	1,21,92,267
20	Maharashtra	1,34,86,140
21	Manipur	1,14,918
22	Meghalaya	1,98,364
23	Mizoram	41,787
24	Nagaland	62,962
25	NCT of Delhi	39,475
26	Odisha	67,39,993
27	Puducherry	68,391
28	Punjab	15,88,455
29	Rajasthan	49,39,664
30	Sikkim	25,986
31	Tamil Nadu	96,06,547
32	Tripura	3,53,618
33	Uttarakhand	4,03,301
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,99,39,223
35	West Bengal	1,01,88,842
	All India	14,43,33,690

(b) to (d): Government has taken a number of measures for the growth of agriculture and allied sectors on sustainable basis by way of increasing investment, improving farm practices, creating rural infrastructure, delivering credit, technology and other inputs and forging appropriate backward and forward linkages. Employment and income of agricultural labourers are also being addressed through various livelihood programmes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and by making institutional finance available to five lakh joint farming groups of `Bhoomi Heen Kisan` through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural

Development (NABARD).