

**Average annual income of farmers**

†2301. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain the average annual income of farmers working in agriculture sector;

(b) if so, what is their income;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the income of farmers at annual growth rate in the country has marginally increased since nineties; and

(d) if not, what has been the annual rate of increase during the decade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):  
(a) to (d) No, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture have not conducted any study to ascertain the average annual income of farmers working in agriculture sector. However, the Gross Value Addition (GVA) in Agriculture has increased from Rs. 242438 Cr. in 1993-94 to Rs. 392134 Cr. in 1997-98.

**Size of Agricultural Holdings**

†2302. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the size of agricultural holdings in the country is continuously decreasing;

(b) if so, what was the total number of holdings having an area of less than two hectares in the country in 1990-91; and

(c) what would be the estimated number of such holdings in the year 1999-2000?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):**

(a) Yes, Sir. As per Agricultural Censuses 1970-71, 1976-77, 1980-81, 1985-86 and 1990-91, the average size per holding (in ha.) was 2.28, 2.00, 1.84, 1.69 and 1.55 respectively.

(b) As per Agricultural Census 1990-91, the total number of holdings having an area of less than two hectares in the country was 83.48 million.

(c) No such estimate for number of holdings for the year 1999-2000 is available.

### **Milk Production**

†2303. **SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:**

**SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of milk in the country is highest as compared to other milk producing countries of the world;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite maximum availability of milk, its produced quantity is less than its requirement in the country; and

(d) whether Government would consider to curb the export of milk and its products; if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):** (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) study indicates 220 gms. of milk per day per person as the recommended intake for Indians. The 1997-98 availability of milk is 204 gms. per day per person. However, the availability of milk per capita per day has steadily increased from 173 gms. in 1989-90 to 204 gms. in 1997-98.

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