

- (xix) In addition, a Unified Package Insurance Scheme (UPIS) has also been approved for implementation on pilot basis in 45 districts of the country from Kharif 2016 season to cover the other assets/activities like machinery, life, accident, house and student-safety for farmers alongwith their notified crops (under PMFBY/ Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme -WBCIS).

Action plan to ameliorate condition of farmers

†647. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of agricultural families in the country has decreased despite increase in country's population.
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the perception of Government about it;
- (c) the average monthly income of an agricultural family in the country, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the action plan of Government for the next five years to ameliorate the economic conditions/living standards of agricultural families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) According to census data of Registrar General of India, in 2001 total number of cultivators was 127.31 million, and in 2011 it came down to 118.81 million, while that of agricultural labourers increased from 106.78 million to 144.33 million. A shift in the work force from the agriculture to the secondary and tertiary sectors non-farm activities, however, is considered a normal phenomenon of the development process as experienced by other countries across the world. This is true of India also.

(c) The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducted a "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" during NSS 70th round (January 2013-December 2013) in rural parts of the country. The State/UT-wise average monthly income per agricultural household for the period July 2012-June 2013, as per this survey, is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(d) The Government of India has taken various initiatives towards ameliorating economic conditions and living standards of agricultural families. The major initiatives include: Krishonnati Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, Soil Health Card

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and Soil Health Management, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Organic Value Change in North Eastern States, Integrated Agriculture Marketing Scheme, National Agriculture and Technology Mission, National Food Security Mission, National Sustainable Agriculture Mission, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, National Agriculture Forestry Programme, Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Scheme. In addition to these, there are schemes that address other areas of development. These include: Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana, Deen Dayal Antyodaya Mission, Shyama Prashad Mukherjee Scheme for rural infrastructure development, Rashtriya Gramin Swaraj Abhiyan Yojana and Prime Minister Skill Development Scheme.

Statement

Average monthly income (₹) per agricultural household during the agricultural year July 2012 - June 2013 for different States/ Group of UTs

States	Total Income (₹)
Andhra Pradesh	5979
Arunachal Pradesh	10869
Assam	6695
Bihar	3558
Chhattisgarh	5177
Gujarat	7926
Haryana	14434
Himachal Pradesh	8777
Jammu and Kashmir	12683
Jharkhand	4721
Karnataka	8832
Kerala	11888
Madhya Pradesh	6210
Maharashtra	7386
Manipur	8842
Meghalaya	11792
Mizoram	9099
Nagaland	10048

States	Total Income (₹)
Odisha	4976
Punjab	18059
Rajasthan	7350
Sikkim	6798
Tamil Nadu	6980
Telangana	6311
Tripura	5429
Uttarakhand	4701
Uttar Pradesh	4923
West Bengal	3980
Group of UTs	8568
ALL INDIA	6426

Source:- Table 7 of NSS Report KI (70/33): Key Indicators of Situation of Agricultural Households in India.

Note:- Income includes income from salary wages, net receipt from cultivation, net receipt from farming of animals and net receipt from non-farm business.

Integration of PMKSY with MGNREGA

648. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering integrating PMKSY with MGNREGA;
- (b) if so, in what ways will it channelise the available work force for productive and value added work; and
- (c) whether Government has taken note of the risks associated with the integration of these two schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a), question does not arise. However, District Irrigation Plans (DIP) being prepared under PMKSY takes into account the sources created for irrigated by all Central Sector/State Sector/Externally Aided Projects including Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).