

Accurate record of farmers

2268. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no accurate record of the farmers or their Total income, despite spending crores of rupees every year on food subsidies and on subsidising farm inputs, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is taking up Agriculture Census every year, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) As per Agriculture Census 2015-16, the Total number of operational holdings in the country is 14.65 crore.

As per the latest available results of 'Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households' conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO) for the reference agricultural year July 2012-June 2013, the average monthly income per agricultural household is estimated to be ₹ 6,426.

(b) No Sir, Agriculture Census is conducted quinquennially by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The periodicity of Census/ Survey is decided on the basis of adequacy of the current data, availability of resources and manpower, emerging areas of concern, and development priorities of the Government, etc.

Awareness on research and exploration in agriculture sector

2269. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers are made aware of the researches and exploration being made in the agriculture sector in Agricultural Universities;

(b) if so, the manner thereof; and

(c) the policy of Government to bring farmers into direct contact with Agricultural Universities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.