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Ministry of Finance
RAJYA SABHA
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ISSUANCE OF KISAN CREDIT CARDS
QUESTION

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has issued Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) to the farmers across the country;
- (b) if so, the main features of Kisan Credit Card scheme;
- (c) the number of Kisan Credit Cards issued to the farmers across the country including Rajasthan;
- (d) whether Government has made any assessment regarding this scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The KCC Scheme is implemented by the Government across the country with the objectives of providing adequate and timely credit to the farmers, including Self Help Groups (SHGs) or Joint Liability Groups of Farmers including tenant farmers, share croppers etc. for their agricultural operation. The main features of KCC scheme in terms of master Circular issued by RBI are as under. Important features of Kisan Credit Card Scheme are as under:

- Adequate and timely credit to farmers to carry out agricultural activities and all other allied activities associated with agriculture.
- Single window for meeting cultivation & other needs e.g. post-harvest expenses, produce marketing loan household/consumption requirements, working capital for maintenance of farm asset, investment credit for agriculture and allied activities.
- Short term component in the nature of revolving cash credit facility and there is no restriction in number of debits and credits and without collaterals upto the limit of Rs.1.6 lakh.
- KCC for meeting the working capital requirements under AH & fisheries.
- Separate electronic card for withdrawals using different delivery channels.
- One-time documentation at the first time of avilment of KCC loan and thereafter simple declaration (about crops grown/proposed) by farmer from the second year onwards.
- Interest Subvention/Incentive for prompt repayment by GoI and / or State Govt.
- Farmer to have option to take benefit of crop insurance, personal insurance, Assets Insurance & Health Insurance (wherever product is available).
- Facility of all insurance premium paid through KCC account.

(c): As per the information furnished by Public Sector Banks & NABARD, the total number of operative KCC in country was 6.03 crore including 53.03 lakh KCC in Rajasthan as on 31 January 2020. A special saturation drive to cover farmers under KCC is going on since February 2020. As per the information furnished by Public Sector Banks & NABARD, 187.03 lakh KCC have been provided to farmers across the country including 16.04 lakh in Rajasthan under this drive as on 29-01-2021.

(d) to (f): The KCC scheme was introduced in 1998. The scheme is implemented by the banks as per the operational guidelines issued by RBI from time to time based on the evolving priorities and need for reforms to facilitate institutional credit to farmers for their cultivation and other requirements. Based on such reviews, the scheme was extended for the investment credit requirement of farmers viz. allied and non-farm activities in the year 2004. The scheme was further revisited in 2012 by a working Group with a view to simplify the scheme and facilitate issue of Electronic Kisan Credit Cards.