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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA

UN-STARRED QUESTION No. 506

TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

LOAN BURDEN ON FARMERS

506. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the data of average increase or decrease in loan per farmer in the country during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (b) the reasons for the average increase or decrease in the loan per farmer per year during the said period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): As per 70th Round Survey of NSSO, Information on the amount of loan outstanding on the date of survey (i.e. the day on which data was collected from the household) was collected from each surveyed agricultural household. Along with this, information on source and nature of the loan was also collected. The information included all kinds of outstanding loans from all sources irrespective of the purpose for which loans were taken. The Statement reveals that about 52 percent of the agricultural households in the country were estimated to be indebted. The average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household was Rs.47000/- (approx.). Year-wise data pertaining to average loan per farmer is not maintained.
