

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2246**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17/12/2021

**IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES FOR FARMERS HAVING SMALL LAND HOLDING**

2246# MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:  
SHRI RAM SHAKAL:

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

- (a) whether there are more than 80 per cent of farmers who have less than two hectares of land in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has started special programmes and reforms in agriculture for the development of farmers having small land holdings;
- (c) if so, the details of the programmes being run at present for the farmers with small land holdings; and
- (d) whether research programmes are being conducted by Indian council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) as well to develop technology to increase production and productivity in small land holdings?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): As per Agriculture Census 2015-16, there are 146.45 million operational holders in the country, of which 86.07% operational holders (126.06 million) are operating land less than two hectares.

(b) & (c): Government is implementing a number of schemes for the development of farmers, including small farmers. These include, inter alia, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card (SHC), National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PMKMY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Rainfed Area Development (RAD) Programme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Scheme for promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Implementation of National Bee Keeping Honey Mission (NBHM), Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) etc.

(d): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting research programmes to develop location specific varieties and technologies for enhancing production and productivity of farm holdings, including small land holdings. Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (IIFSR) under ICAR implements All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) for development and refinement of farm technologies for use in small land holdings in the country. ICAR has also established a network of 727 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country mandated with technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development for encouraging the farmers including small land holdings.

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