

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 49
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/07/2024

BENEFICIARIES UNDER PM KISAN IN PUNJAB

*49. SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of beneficiaries who received instalments of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) during the last three years in Punjab, instalment-wise, State-wise and district-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the number of beneficiaries in Punjab under the said scheme have dropped by 45 per cent in the Financial Year 2022-23 to 2023-24;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is planning to launch a registration campaign for this scheme so that assistance could be provided to those whose names are taken out from the beneficiary list; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT MADE IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) to (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 49 RAISED BY SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY, MP DUE FOR REPLY ON 26/07/2024.

(a) to (e): The PM-KISAN scheme is a central sector scheme launched in February 2019 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to supplement the financial needs of land-holding farmers. Under the scheme, a financial benefit of Rs 6,000/- per year is transferred in three equal instalments, into the Aadhaar seeded bank accounts of farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. The PM-KISAN scheme is the largest DBT Scheme of the World.

A farmer-centric digital infrastructure has ensured the benefits of the scheme reach all the farmers across the country without involvement of any middlemen. Maintaining absolute transparency in registering and verifying beneficiaries, the Government of India has disbursed over Rs 3.24 lakh Cr to more than 11 Cr farmers in 17 instalments since inception. The number of beneficiaries who received benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) during the last three years in the Punjab, instalment-wise and district-wise is attached at Annexure.

As per operational guidelines of the Scheme, States/UTs are mandated to identify and verify the eligible beneficiaries under the scheme and upload the details of eligible farmers including land records, linking of Aadhaar with their bank accounts and e-KYC for successful transfer of the benefits. Benefits of the scheme are transferred to the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode, based on the verified data received from the States/UTs on the PM-KISAN portal.

To ensure that the benefits are provided only to the intended beneficiaries, e-KYC, land seeding, and Aadhaar-based payment have been made mandatory under the scheme. Land seeding was made mandatory during the release of the 12th installment of the scheme (August 2022 - November 2022), and Aadhaar-based payment was made mandatory from the 13th installment (December 2022 - March 2023) onwards. e-KYC was made mandatory from the 15th installment (April 2023 - July 2023). In this process, the total numbers of beneficiaries benefitted in the scheme in the 12th Instalment period were decreased across the states including the Punjab. This decrease was nominal in the States who proactively undertook suitable measures and completed the above said mandatory requirements. However, in the case of Punjab, in 2022-23 during the 12th instalment period, they could complete the land seeding for only 2.07 lakh farmers, and

accordingly, the benefits were released to them. In 2023-24, during the 16th installment (December 2023 – March 2024) , the benefits was released to about 7.2 lakh farmers whose land seeding, Aadhaar-based payments, and e-KYC were completed.

The Ministry often undertakes saturation drives in coordination with the State Governments to ensure that no eligible farmers are left out from the Scheme. The recent nationwide saturation drive was undertaken from 15 November 2023, under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), to saturate the scheme with all eligible farmers. More than 1.0 cr farmers were covered during the VBSY campaign across the country, out of which over 2.20 lakh farmers were from the Punjab.

Further, Village Level Nodal officers were designated to onboard all the eligible farmers under the PM-KISAN scheme from villages assigned to them and to complete the mandatory requirements of the farmers to receive the benefits of the scheme. Further services of the PM-KISAN scheme have also been made available over 5.0 lakh Common Services Centers across the country to enable the farmers to avail the services at their doorstep and complete their mandatory requirement if any to receive the uninterrupted benefits of the PM-KISAN Scheme.

The validation checks of land seeding, Aadhaar linking with bank accounts, eKYC and payment to the eligible beneficiaries are ongoing processes. As and when the farmers complete the mandatory requirements, they receive benefits of all outstanding instalments. Hence, there is no loss to the beneficiaries.

Number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) during the last three years in Punjab, Instalment-wise and District-wise (as on 19.07.2024)

Sr. No.	District	FY 2021-22			FY 2022-23		
		8 th Instalment	9 th Instalment	10 th Instalment	11 th Instalment	12 th Instalment	13 th Instalment
		Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries
1	Amritsar	83,474	82,488	80,528	79,899	8,445	40,085
2	Barnala	55,739	55,403	55,463	54,384	9,064	28,704
3	Bathinda	1,18,040	1,16,671	1,17,254	1,16,701	18,573	74,459
4	Faridkot	43,955	43,685	41,598	41,386	7,024	25,711
5	Fatehgarh Sahib	36,549	36,443	36,563	36,617	5,379	25,642
6	Fazilka	1,87,956	1,84,981	1,75,567	1,75,176	9,591	40,315
7	Ferozepur	1,56,542	1,53,049	1,46,811	1,45,675	9,948	39,763
8	Gurdaspur	1,11,180	1,08,292	1,07,724	1,06,186	15,224	58,637
9	Hoshiarpur	1,06,554	1,06,072	1,04,484	1,03,044	7,746	56,593
10	Jalandhar	51,570	51,171	50,508	50,216	6,781	27,327
11	Kapurthala	30,153	29,835	29,732	29,339	3,816	16,729
12	Ludhiana	88,647	88,294	86,655	85,657	9,906	51,452
13	Malerkotla	19,416	19,407	19,543	19,463	-	-
14	Mansa	61,935	60,661	61,553	61,177	12,811	44,912
15	Moga	76,996	76,670	72,788	72,491	8,816	41,131
16	Pathankot	24,506	24,388	24,569	24,452	2,534	13,162
17	Patiala	1,16,965	1,15,931	1,17,558	1,16,674	19,520	68,613
18	Rupnagar	55,412	55,401	55,224	54,991	5,085	31,617
19	S.A.S Nagar	26,209	25,763	26,125	26,003	3,244	15,008
20	Sangrur	1,12,138	1,10,118	1,11,416	1,08,349	19,589	61,845
21	Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar	31,529	31,375	31,547	31,376	4,924	21,012
22	Sri Muktsar Sahib	78,464	77,758	78,004	76,219	10,827	44,898
23	Tarn Taran	86,031	84,830	82,694	81,765	8,709	33,367
	Grand Total	17,59,960	17,38,686	17,13,908	16,97,240	2,07,556	8,60,982

Number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) during the last three years in Punjab, Instalment-wise and District-wise (as on 19.07.2024)

Sr. No.	District	FY 2023-24			FY 2024-25
		14 th Instalment	15 th Instalment	16 th Instalment	17 th Instalment
		Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries
1	Amritsar	40,025	6,051	26,989	31,485
2	Barnala	28,857	19,601	27,216	31,812
3	Bathinda	73,722	12,985	57,387	60,744
4	Faridkot	25,497	17,173	24,068	26,115
5	Fatehgarh Sahib	25,191	15,108	19,154	21,287
6	Fazilka	40,622	24,181	36,247	39,073
7	Ferozepur	39,321	20,289	31,398	34,302
8	Gurdaspur	58,527	34,706	44,467	48,986
9	Hoshiarpur	58,069	44,696	53,418	57,450
10	Jalandhar	27,125	10,313	13,494	16,926
11	Kapurthala	16,713	8,692	11,155	13,114
12	Ludhiana	50,853	25,479	34,527	41,497
13	Malerkotla	-	5,444	11,120	12,200
14	Mansa	41,712	31,655	42,659	47,342
15	Moga	40,687	24,785	32,301	35,928
16	Pathankot	13,247	10,377	12,830	14,066
17	Patiala	69,046	47,205	62,287	69,175
18	Rupnagar	32,124	24,483	29,756	31,873
19	S.A.S Nagar	14,730	6,746	9,702	11,810
20	Sangrur	62,329	45,747	57,142	62,356
21	Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar	20,838	10,431	14,177	16,490
22	Sri Muktsar Sahib	44,397	30,694	39,455	43,753
23	Tarn Taran	33,048	20,388	26,333	30,086
	Grand Total	8,56,680	4,97,229	7,17,282	7,97,870
