

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2739
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH AUGUST, 2025

AGRICULTURAL DEBT BURDEN

2739. SMT. BHARTI PARDHI:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE:

SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the total estimated agricultural debt burden on Indian farmers, particularly in States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (b) whether any comprehensive study on the causes and extent of indebtedness of farmers has been conducted recently by the Government, if so, the conclusions thereof;
- (c) whether any concrete steps being taken to provide meaningful debt-relief to distressed farmers apart from ad-hoc loan waiving;
- (d) the extent to which the interest subsidy schemes are effective for agricultural loans;
- (e) whether these benefits are reaching the targeted beneficiaries being availed adequately, if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether any measures are in place to prevent their misuse or diversion; and
- (g) the steps being taken by the Government to make the farmers debt free and provide them financial support?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) conducted a Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households during NSS 77th round (January, 2019 – December, 2019) with reference to the agricultural year July, 2018- June, 2019 in the rural areas of the country. As per the SAS, the loan was taken for different purposes which include capital expenditure in farm business, revenue expenditure in farm business, non-farm business, for housing, marriages and ceremonies, education and medical, other consumption expenditure and others. The average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household for different States/UTs including Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra during agricultural year July, 2018- June, 2019 is given in **Annexure-I**.

(c) to (e): The government is implementing a 100% centrally funded Central Sector Scheme known as the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) across various States and UTs in pan India. This scheme aims to provide concessional interest rates on short-term agricultural loans obtained by farmers through Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) for their working capital requirements. Due to KCC-MISS scheme access to easy and affordable credit has increased significantly to farmers to meet their operational needs. The number of operative KCC accounts has reached to 7.72 crore in 2024-25, which has contributed to an increase in credit extended amount from Rs.14.26 lakh crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 10.20 lakh crore in 2024-25.

The budget allocation for interest subvention under MISS to farmers has increased 3.7 times rising from Rs. 6,000 crore in 2014-15 to Rs. 22,600 crore in 2024-25. Over the past eleven years, farmers have availed Rs.1.62 lakh crore as interest subvention on loans through KCCs.

Similarly, the total credit flow to the agriculture sector has nearly grown four times rising from Rs. 7.3 lakh crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 28.69 lakh crore in 2024-25. Out of which, Credit disbursed to small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) has grown to Rs. 14.35 lakh crore during this period.

Besides KCC-MISS, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) also provide institutional credit to farmers. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) provides financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of unforeseen events and ensure flow of credit to the agriculture sector. By offering loans/financial support, these schemes help reduce the cost of borrowing, encourage timely repayment, and promote better credit discipline. They also reduce dependence on informal credit sources and help bridge short-term credit gaps during critical periods like sowing and harvesting.

(f): To ensure transparency and efficiency in administering MISS, a digital platform namely Kisan Rin Portal (KRP) has been launched by the Government of India in September 2023. This portal facilitates the prompt settlement of claims related to the MISS and helps simplify and speed up the loan disbursement process to identified beneficiaries. All the beneficiaries are authenticated and verified based on Aadhar to prevent misuse.

(g): Government of India is committed to enhance the welfare of farmers and making agriculture more remunerative. Government of India supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support and various schemes/programmes. The Government has substantially enhanced the budget allocation of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) from Rs. 21933.50 crore BE during 2013-14 to Rs. 1,27,290.16 crore BE during 2025-26. The various schemes/programmes of the Government of India are meant for the welfare of farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to farmers. These schemes encompass entire spectrum of agriculture including credit, insurance, income support, infrastructure, crops including horticulture, seeds, mechanization, marketing, organic and natural farming, farmer collectives, irrigation, extension, procurement of crops from farmers at minimum support prices, digital agriculture etc. Additionally, Government had increased MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a minimum return of 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production from 2018-19 onwards. List of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is given in **Annexure-II**.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2739 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/08/2025 REGARDING 'AGRICULTURAL DEBT BURDEN'.

Sl.No.	State/Group of NE States/ Group of UTs	Average amount (Rs.) of outstanding loan per agricultural household
1	Andhra Pradesh	2,45,554
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3,581
3	Assam	16,407
4	Bihar	23,534
5	Chhattisgarh	21,443
6	Gujarat	56,568
7	Haryana	1,82,922
8	Himachal Pradesh	85,825
9	Jammu & Kashmir	30,435
10	Jharkhand	8,415
11	Karnataka	1,26,240
12	Kerala	2,42,482
13	Madhya Pradesh	74,420
14	Maharashtra	82,085
15	Manipur	5,551
16	Meghalaya	2,237
17	Mizoram	23,485
18	Nagaland	1,750
19	Odisha	32,721
20	Punjab	2,03,249
21	Rajasthan	1,13,865
22	Sikkim	32,185
23	Tamil Nadu	1,06,553
24	Telangana	1,52,113
25	Tripura	23,944
26	Uttarakhand	48,338
27	Uttar Pradesh	51,107
28	West Bengal	26,452
	Group of N E States	10,034
	Group of UTs	25,629
	All India	74,121

Source: NSS Report No. 587: Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2739 ANSWERED ON 05/08/2025 REGARDING AGRICULTURAL DEBT BURDEN

Major schemes/programmes meant for the welfare of farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to the farmers:

1. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
2. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
3. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
4. National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
5. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
6. Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
7. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
8. Agroforestry
9. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
10. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
11. Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
12. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
13. National Bamboo Mission
14. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
15. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
16. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
17. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
18. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
19. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
20. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/ Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
21. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshana Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
22. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
23. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
24. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 new Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)
25. Namo Drone Didi
26. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises (AgriSURE)
27. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
28. Digital Agriculture Mission
