

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:339
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2000
AGRICULTURAL FARMERS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have conducted a survey regarding the indebtedness of the agricultural farmers in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the outcome thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether due to indebtedness the small and marginal farmers are being compelled to sell their holdings and are becoming landless agricultural labourers; and
- (d) if so, the details of the fall in the number of agricultural holdings during each of the last three years, State-wise, particularly in the State of Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NOTED TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH AUGUST, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b): The survey is conducted decennially by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) and the last such survey was conducted by NSSO with July, 1991 - June, 1992 as the reference period. The details of the outcome of this survey is annexed. .

(c): No such information has been received.

(d): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDY OF NSSO DURING EACH OF THE LAST YEARS

1. INCIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS AND DEBT ASSET RATIO OF HOUSEHOLDS

Item	Year			1971	1981	1991
	Rural	All	Non			
	House-holds	Culti-vators	Culti-vators			
Incidence of Indebtedness (Per Cent)	46.10	34.30	42.80			
1981	22.30	12.40	20.00			
1991	25.90	18.50	23.40			
Average Debt Per Household (Rs.)	605	223	500			
1981	803	205	661			
1991	2294	1151	1906			
Average Asset Holding Per Household (Rs.)	14627	2613	11311			
1981	44525	8973	36090			
1991	142308	38180	107007			
Debt Asset Ratio (Per Cent)	4.13	8.53	4.42			
1981	1.80	2.28	1.83			
1991	1.61	3.01	1.78			

+ At respective years prices.

2. INCIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS (101) AVERAGE DEBT PER HOUSEHOLD (ADH) FOR MAJOR CATEGORIES OF HOUSEHOLDS IN DIFFERENT STATES AS ON 30 JUNE, 1991.

States 101 (Per Cent) ADH (Rs.)

Cultivators Non Cultivators All Cultivators Non Cultivators All

Andhra Pradesh	39.9	27.8	34.6	3287	1755	2609
Assam	6.5	5.4	6.2	248	262	252
Bihar	17.2	14.0	16.2	712	447	632
Gujarat	21.4	9.1	16.5	2460	487	1678
Haryana	28.4	26.8	27.7	5486	2934	4397
Himachal Prades	21.8	20.1	21.5	1212	1227	1214

Jammu & Kashmir	14.8	8.8	14	1151	768	1099
Karnataka	33.1	17.0	28.1	3244	931	2535
Kerala	32.8	23.5	30.7	3857	1910	3432
Madhy Pradesh	22.2	17.5	20.8	1961	699	1593
Maharashtra	29.0	12.5	22.4	2890	988	2133
Orissa	27.9	13.2	23.3	1367	374	1054
Punjab	30.0	21.4	25.1	7125	1803	4129
Rajasthan	31.3	25.4	30.2	3797	2629	3568
Tamil Nadu	38.8	22.4	29.6	3785	1420	2457
Uttar Pradesh	19.2	18.1	18.9	1654	956	1489
West Bengal	30.7	18.2	26.3	1543	960	1340
All India	25.9	18.5	23.4	2294	1151	1906