

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPENDITURE ON LIVELIHOOD OF FARMERS IN DIFFERENT STATES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the expenditure on the livelihood of the families of farmers is different in each State;
- (b) if so, the average of such expenditure in each State at present;
- (c) whether this expenditure is connected with the income of the family;
- (d) if so, the opinion of the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the income of those families whose income is very low?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): A statement showing the average family size of the farmer households, monthly per capita consumption expenditure and the average monthly income as per the 59th round Survey of NSSO conducted for the reference period July 2002- June 2003 is given at annexure.

(e): Government is implementing a number of schemes for the development of Agriculture, Horticulture and Livestock sectors. The strategies formulated by the Government for making the agriculture sector more vibrant and dynamic so as to increase its production and productivity with resultant increase in the income of the farmers include

- (i) enhancing institutional credit flow to the farmers and strengthening of cooperative credit structure;
- (ii) ensuring the timely availability of quality inputs;
- (iii) promoting farmer friendly, demand driven agriculture extension system;
- (iv) accelerating diversification to high value crops including horticulture activities;
- (v) strengthening infrastructure and the supply chain;
- (vi) optimizing the efficient utilization of available water resources through micro irrigation and enhancing the sustainability of dryland/rainfed farming system;
- (vii) reforming agricultural markets, and widespread use of post harvest technology; and
- (viii) putting in place a broader spectrum of risk management apparatus for farmers.

In addition to the Minimum Support Price for major crops, the Government is also implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) on the request of a State/UT Government for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities generally perishable in nature and not covered under Minimum Support Price Scheme.

ANNEXURE

Average Family Size, Income and Expenditure of Farmer Households as per 59th Round Survey of NSSO

State Average farmer Average Monthly Average Monthly
House hold size Income from per capita
all sources consumption
per farmer expenditure
house hold#
(in Rs.) (in Rs.)

Andhra Pradesh	4.7	1634	512.56
Assam	5.7	3161	479.42
Bihar	6.1	1810	403.60
Chhattisgarh	5.4	1618	378.89
Gujarat	5.6	2684	562.86
Haryana	6.0	2882	741.10
Jammu & Kashmir	5.8	5488	711.82
Jharkhand	5.4	2069	352.85
Karnataka	5.3	2616	491.19
Kerala	4.7	4004	900.59
Madhya Pradesh	5.8	1430	406.30
Maharashtra	5.1	2463	524.12
Orissa	5.0	1062	341.75
Punjab	5.8	4960	828.01
Rajasthan	5.9	1498	557.45
Tamil Nadu	4.4	2072	572.81
Uttar Pradesh	6.1	1633	474.89
West Bengal	5.3	2079	507.74
All-India	5.5	2115	502.83

#3 Excluding rent, interest and dividend.

Note: The average monthly consumption expenditure includes, besides consumption expenditure out of purchases, the imputed value of consumption expenditure out of

- (a) home- grown stock;
- (b) receipts in exchange of goods and services;
- (c) any other receipt like gift, charity, borrowing and
- (d) free collection.