



Sharecroppers eligible for benefits under Central schemes subject to State identification

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The Union Government has clarified that matters relating to land and its management fall within the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of State Governments, and the role of the Centre is advisory in nature. The Government of India has not carried out any specific assessment of the challenges faced by sharecroppers (tenant farmers) in various States, including Maharashtra, with regard to access to credit facilities, insurance, or government benefits.

As per the NSS Report No. 587 (77th Round, 2019) on "*Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households*", information is available only on the extent and incidence of tenancy as part of operational holdings. Sharecroppers are eligible to avail benefits under various Government of India schemes, such as the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) and the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). The inclusion of sharecroppers under these schemes are subject to their identification and certification by the respective State Governments, as agriculture and land are State subjects.

This information was provided by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Ramnath Thakur, in a reply to questions in Lok Sabha today.

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