Small and Marginal Farmers

The staple of Indian Agriculture

For more than 50% of the population, Agriculture is the principal source of livelihood. Majority of these are small and marginal farmers.

14%
Agriculture’s contribution to India’s GDP (2011)

Out of their production

- 44.5% consumption
- 13.5% village
- 3.5% in stock
- 38.5% market surplus moves outside village

Marginal farmers
Up to 2.5 Acres

Small farmers
between 1 hectare and 2 hectares

Small and Marginal Farmers

- 84.7% landholdings
- 34% cultivable land

Larger contribution when compared to the landholding.

- 49% of rice
- 40% of wheat
- Over 50% of fruits and vegetables

They are more productive!

Their productivity is 44% more in rice
18% more in wheat
47% more in fruits and vegetables

They are growing in numbers!

Average landholding size declined
3.03 Acres in 2005-06
2.86 Acres in 2010-11

Increase in total number of landholdings
138 Mn. in 2010-11
129 Mn. in 2005-06

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