

Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Financial Services

RAJYA SABHA  
Starred Question No. \*255  
Answered on Tuesday, December 21, 2021/Agrahayana 30, 1943 (Saka)

KISAN CREDIT CARDS TO BE EXTENDED TO ALL FISHERMEN

\*255. Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a proposal to extend benefits of Kisan Credit Cards to all fishermen in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the scheme would be modified to suit the specific requirements of fishermen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE FINANCE MINISTER  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. \*255 to be answered on 21.12.2021 regarding kisan credit cards to be extended to all fishermen by Shri Y.S Chowdary:**

(a) to (d): RBI vide its circular on “Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme: Working Capital for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries” dated 04 February 2019 has allowed the issue of Kisan Credit Cards to all eligible fishermen farmers in the country.

Under the ongoing KCC saturation drive announced as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package, over 2.70 crore farmers (including Animal Husbandry & Dairy and fisheries farmers) have been covered under the KCC scheme with sanctioned credit limit of approx. Rs. 2.88 lakh crore.

In order to further streamline the process of credit delivery through KCC to the animal husbandry and fisheries farmers, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)/ Guidelines for issue of separate KCC for animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries farmers was issued on 24 September 2021. The SoP has been circulated among the banks and they have been advised to follow the procedure while issuing KCC to eligible fishermen.

Further, with a view to cover maximum number of fishermen, Animal Husbandry & Dairy farmers under KCC scheme, Government of India has launched an exclusive special 3-month weekly campaign starting from 15 November 2021 under the ongoing KCC saturation drive. For this purpose, a checklist has also been finalised to facilitate submission of applications by the farmers during the camp.

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