

22 states need to amend the existing laws related to land leasing
3 for securing rights of tenant farmers. Explain.

Land leasing agreement is the contract between the two parties to make productive use of the land. Different laws across the states act as sides without being fitting the tenant farmers.

Tenant farmers

In India 20% of the operational holdings are cultivated by tenant farmers. As per the NSSO 73% of the land is leased. The tenant farmers are not receiving the benefits of schemes like PM-Kisan which benefits the farmers with only land holders.

36% of the tenant farmers have no land and 56% of tenant farmers own less than

one hectare -

Odisha model

Odisha is the only state to provide

direct benefit transfer to the tenant farmers via the Kalvi scheme. It involves unification, verification and exclusion.

unification is done through unifying states' databases and verification is done through details of aged census, socio economic caste census and National Food security act.

Exclusion is done by excluding government employees and tax payers. The rest of the states have proven excellent and methodology to follow.

Model leasing act was prepared by NITI Aayog in 2016 for amendment of states in the leasing reforms. Here, the lease holder will receive the loans, transfer under state's schemes and disaster relief funds.

The leasing acts can aid the government's goal of doubling farmers' income by 2022. The leasing reforms can cover larger gamut of farmers.