

## Amitabh Bachchan clears loans of 1300 farmers



In a very humane and generous gesture, Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan just cleared the loans of more than 1300 farmers who were burdened by the agricultural loans they had taken from Uttar Pradesh, and also invited about 70 of them to Mumbai for a new life.

The government has passed a number of loan waivers and agricultural subsidies for farmers, but the number of farmer suicides continues in India. Although 70% of India's population is directly or indirectly dependent on agriculture, the entire Indian agricultural system is plagued by number of problems that burden farmers and force them to take loans for continuing their livelihood. Citing this problem, Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan decided lend a helping hand some farmers in need and give them a loan-free life.

It was reported that Amitabh Bachchan cleared loans of as many as 1398 farmers from Uttar Pradesh and also invited some 70 farmers to visit Mumbai. An entire train compartment was booked and the selected farmers were given train tickets for Mumbai and were handed OTS (One Time Settlement) certificates from Bank of India, clearing their entire loans in one moment. Bachchan also met some of the farmers, but in another amazing gesture, he let his daughter Shweta hand over the OTS certificates to farmers she is the "Laxmi of the house".

The Bachchans are known for their goodwill gestures and making generous contributions for the society, as earlier in 2017, the celebrity family had helped clearing loans and debts of some 350 farmers and helped the families of 44 martyred army personnel from Maharashtra. Many other Bollywood celebrities like Akshay Kumar, Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Priyanka Chopra, etc. are known for making generous donations.