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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 953
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JULY, 2018

SUICIDE BY DEBT RIDDEN FARMERS

953. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has failed to stop suicides of debt ridden farmers in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has also failed to provide the requisite MSPs to farmers so far in the country;
- (c) if so, the proposal of the Government to support farmers with right prices for farm products and stop suicides of farmers; and
- (d) the details of suicides by debt ridden farmers reported in the country since 2014, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (d): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs compiles and disseminates information on suicides, in its publication titled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' (ADSI). These Reports on suicides upto 2015 are available at its website. The Report for the years 2016 onward has not been published yet. However, NCRB has provided data relating to suicides for the year 2016 (Provisional) to this Ministry. As per ADSI Reports for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 (Provisional) the State-wise suicides by farmers and agricultural labourers including those caused due to 'Bankruptcy or Indebtedness' have been compiled in the Statement which is at **Annexure-I**.

Agriculture is a State subject. Agrarian distress can be addressed by enabling the farmers to increase their income. The Government is targeting to double the income of the farmers by the year 2022. To achieve this, the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare has taken a number of measures. The Government is aiming to reorient the agriculture sector by focusing on an income-centeredness in addition to pure production centeredness approach. The Department has, therefore, been implementing various schemes to meet this objective viz. Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme, Neem Coated Urea, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), National Agriculture Market Scheme (e-NAM), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Interest Subvention Scheme etc.

Further, in the budget for 2018-19 the Government had announced that MSP for all unannounced Kharif crops will be 1.5 times the cost of production. Giving a major boost for the farmers income, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 04.07.2018 has approved the increase in the MSPs for all Kharif crops for 2018-19 season at a level of at least 150 percent of the cost of production.

Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 953 due for 24.07.2018. Statement in respect of Part (a) to (d) of the Question regarding 'Suicide by Debt Ridden Farmers'

SUICIDE BY PERSONS SELF-EMPLOYED IN FARMING/AGRICULTURE

State/UT	2014			2015		
	Farmers	Labourers	Total	Farmers	Labourers	Total
ANDHRA PRADESH	160	472	632	516	400	916
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	3	3	7	3	10
ASSAM	21	38	59	84	54	138
BIHAR	0	10	10	0	7	7
CHHATTISGARH	443	312	755	854	100	954
GOA	0	0	0	0	0	0
GUJARAT	45	555	600	57	244	301
HARYANA	14	105	119	28	134	162
HIMACHAL PRADESH	32	31	63	0	46	46
JAMMU & KASHMIR	12	25	37	0	21	21
JHARKHAND	0	4	4	0	21	21
KARNATAKA	321	447	768	1197	372	1569
KERALA	107	700	807	3	207	210
MADHYA PRADESH	826	372	1198	581	709	1290
MAHARASHTRA	2568	1436	4004	3030	1261	4291
MANIPUR	0	0	0	1	0	1
MEGHALAYA	0	2	2	2	1	3
MIZORAM	0	5	5	0	1	1
NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0	0
ODISHA	5	97	102	23	27	50
PUNJAB	24	40	64	100	24	124
RAJASTHAN	0	373	373	3	73	76
SIKKIM	35	0	35	15	3	18
TAMIL NADU	68	827	895	2	604	606
TELANGANA	898	449	1347	1358	42	1400
TRIPURA	0	32	32	1	48	49
UTTAR PRADESH	63	129	192	145	179	324
UTTARAKHAND	0	0	0	0	2	2
WEST BENGAL	0	230	230	0	0	0
TOTAL (STATES)	5642	6694	12336	8007	4583	12590
A & N ISLANDS	8	0	8	0	0	0
CHANDIGARH	0	0	0	0	0	0
D & N HAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0
DELHI (UT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUDUCHERRY	0	16	16	0	12	12
TOTAL (UTs)	8	16	24	0	12	12
TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	5650	6710	12360	8007	4595	12602

Source : Report on 'Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India' for relevant years, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs

**State/UT wise number of suicides committed by persons engaged in farming sector during 2016
(Provisional)**

Sl. No.	State / UT	Agricultural Labourers	Farmers/ Cultivators	Suicides in Farming Sector (Total)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	565	239	804
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	6	6
3	ASSAM	64	06	70
4	BIHAR	0	0	0
5	CHHATTISGARH	97	585	682
6	GOA	1	0	1
7	GUJARAT	378	30	408
8	HARYANA	159	91	250
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	14	0	14
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	21	0	21
11	JHARKHAND	0	3	3
12	KARNATAKA	867	1212	2079
13	KERALA	298	23	321
14	MADHYA PRADESH	722	599	1321
15	MAHARASHTRA	1111	2550	3661
16	MANIPUR	0	1	1
17	MEGHALAYA	3	2	5
18	MIZORAM	7	0	7
19	NAGALAND	0	0	0
20	ODISHA	101	20	121
21	PUNJAB	49	222	271
22	RAJASTHAN	39	4	43
23	SIKKIM	2	12	14
24	TAMIL NADU	345	36	381
25	TELANGANA	13	632	645
26	TRIPURA	18	4	22
27	UTTAR PRADESH	115	69	184
28	UTTARAKHAND	3	0	3
29	WEST BENGAL	0	0	0
30	A & N ISLANDS	0	3	3
31	CHANDIGARH	0	0	0
32	D & N HAVELI	0	0	0
33	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0
34	DELHI (UT)	0	0	0
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	27	2	29
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	5019	6351	11370
