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Pondicherry	0.52
Others	11.32
ALL INDIA:	2450.00

Suicide by farmers

638. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of farmers committed suicides during last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has received any complaints/notices for farmers' suicides;
- (c) whether Government has ascertained the causes of such deaths; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to provide relief to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Details of suicides committed by farmers due to agrarian reasons during last three years, State-wise, as reported by the respective State Governments, are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) State Governments receive complaints and ascertain the cause of suicides by farmers, which occur in their jurisdiction. As reported by State Governments, reasons for suicides by farmers are manifold which, *inter-alia*, include indebtedness, crop failure, drought, socio-economic and personal reasons.

(d) Government of India is implementing a Rehabilitation Package, which was announced in 2006 initially for 3 years, covering 31 districts in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra to address the problem of agrarian distress. An amount of Rs. 19880.11 crore has been released under this package till March 31, 2011. The period for implementation of the non-credit components of the package has been extended by 2 more years *i.e.* upto September 30, 2011.

The Government has also implemented the Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 benefitting about Rs. 3.69 crore farmers in the country involving estimated amount of Rs. 65,318.33 crore, as per provisional figures.

In order to revitalize agriculture and improve the condition of farmers on a sustainable basis, other measures taken by the Government, *inter-alia*, include significant increase in public investment in agriculture sector through various schemes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, National Horticulture Mission, National Mission on Micro-Irrigation, Watershed Management and Soil Health and Fertility etc.

The Minimum Support Prices of major cereals have been increased substantially during the last 5 years for benefit of farmers.

The interest subvention for timely repayment of crop loans upto Rs. 3 lakh has been enhanced from 2011-12, resulting in further lowering of the effective rate of interest for those farmers who repay their crop loan on time to 4% per annum.

Statement

Table showing number of suicide by farmers due to agrarian reasons during last three years as reported by State Governments

Sl. No.	Name of State	Period (Date of report)	No. of suicides by farmers due to agrarian reason as reported by State Government
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2008	469
		2009	296
		2010	152
2.	Karnataka	2007-08	182
		2008-09	156
		2009-10	138
3.	Maharashtra	2008	627
		2009	503
		2010	234
4.	Kerala	2008	22
		2009	03
		2010	Nil
5	Punjab	2008	12
		2009	15
		2010	04
6.	Tamil Nadu	11.11.2010	Nil
7.	Gujarat	29.06.2011	Nil

1	2	3	4
8	Assam	23.05.2011	Nil
9.	Arunachal Pradesh	23.02.2011	Nil
10.	Bihar	06.06.2011	Nil
11.	Chhattisgarh	06.01.2011	Nil
12	Goa	29.07.2011	Nil
13.	Haryana	16.05.2011	Nil
14.	Himachal Pradesh	01.08.2011	Nil
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	24.12.2010	Nil
16.	Jharkhand	18.06.2010	Nil
17.	Manipur	02.12.2010	Nil
18.	Meghalaya	03.03.2011	Nil
19.	Madhya Pradesh	18.01.2011	Nil
20.	Mizoram	07.10.2010	Nil
21.	Nagaland	24.06.2011	Nil
22.	Orissa	26.03.2011	Nil
23.	Rajasthan	23.11.2010	Nil
24.	Sikkim	16.10.2010	Nil
25.	Tripura	01.03.2011	Nil
26.	Uttar Pradesh	24.01.2011	Nil
27.	Uttarakhand	19.07.2011	Nil
28.	West Bengal	13.12.2010	Nil
29.	Andaman and Nicobar	01.08.2011	Nil
30.	Government of NCT of Delhi	25.02.2011	Nil
31	Daman and Diu	02.05.2011	Nil
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	05.05.2011	Nil
33.	Lakshadweep	17.03.2011	Nil
34.	Puducherry	01.08.2011	Nil
35.	Chandigarh	12.07.2011	Nil