

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 29.07.2005**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDES IN MAHARASHTRA .**

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Shri Tariq Anwar

Will the Minister of COAL AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that 140 farmers committed suicides in Maharashtra between 2002 and 2004;
- (b) if so, whether Government had at that time failed in protecting the lives of the innocent farmers;
- (c) if so, whether Government have taken action against officials/concerned persons responsible for this gross irresponsible act; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.