

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 19.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE BY FARMERS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOAL AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-
to the answer to Starred Question No. 95 given in Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 2010 and state:

- (a) whether benefits of Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme were extended to the farmers who committed suicide in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Punjab; and
- (b) the specific reasons of suicide by farmers in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Punjab?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): Benefits under the Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 were extended to all farmers who were eligible to receive such benefits as per criteria specified in the scheme.
- (b): Reasons for suicide by farmers in different States broadly include indebtedness, drought, crop failure, lack of family support, failure of social institutions, alcoholism and social & economic insecurity.