

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 10.12.2010
ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE BY FARMERS IN RAJASTHAN .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

to answer to Unstarred Question 924 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5 March, 2010 and state:

(a) whether the answer mentions that no farmer committed suicide in Rajasthan during 2006- 09;

(b) whether recently published National Crime Bureau report categorically states that during 2008, 798 farmers committed suicide in Rajasthan which was 395 more than 2006 and 2007 and percentage-wise such suicides were 9.3 per cent in 2006, 13.9 per cent in 2007 and 15.4 per cent in 2008;

(c) if so, the actual statistics pertaining to Rajasthan; and

(d) whether what Centre/States reveal is only tip of the iceberg? ANSWER

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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) to (d):The answer gave the number of suicides by farmers on account of agrarian reasons, as reported by the State Governments including Government of Rajasthan.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) collects information on suicide victims state-wise classified by profession, including self employed (farming/agriculture). The relevant details are available in its annual publication 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' as also on its website <http://ncrb.gov.in>. However, information on suicide by farmers due to different reasons is not maintained at NCRB.