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TO BE ANSWERED ON 18/09/2020

SUICIDE BY FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of suicide by farmers reported in the country during 2019 and 2020 till date, State-wise and district-wise in case of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government would announce a special financial package during the current financial year for farmers of the country who are compelled to commit suicide in view of the current COVID-19 situation which have aggravated their plights; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): 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 2019 are available on its website. As per the Report the state-wise data on suicide committed by farmers for the year 2019 is at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): The Government has proactively made the following interventions during Covid -19 Pandemic lockdown for the welfare of farmers across the country.

- (i) Allocating Rs.20 lakh crore package for 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' which also includes Creation of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs.1 lakh crore and Rs 500 crore for Bee-Keeping initiative
- (ii) Brought out two Ordinances namely The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020 and Empowerment and Protection of farmers for Agreements of Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, 2020.
- (iii) Since 24th March, 2020 under PM Kisan Scheme, an amount of Rs.40000 crore has been deposited to the bank account of farmers.
- (iv) Government facilitated the farmer for timely harvest of the entire crop, resulting in record procurement of Rabi crop production.

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- (v) Sowing Area coverage for Kharif Crops increased by 5.68% compared to the corresponding period during the last year.
- (vi) Several steps were taken to decongest wholesale market and to boost the supply chain like integration of e-NAM with e-NWR, insurance of passes/e-passes to FPOs, launching of Uberisation Module of logistics aggregators for making transport available to the farmers for faster movement of farm produce, creation of separate cell in Department for monitoring supply and prices of essential goods and fruits and vegetables. Formulation and approval of Central Sector Scheme for promoting 1000 FPOs, launching of Kisan Rath Mobile App and Farm Machinery Mobile App.
- (vii) Starting of Kisan Rail to provide seamless connectivity among farmers, markets and consumers and help farmers send their perishable agro-products to inter-state markets in a time bound manner.

State-wise and year-wise details of Farmers suicide, for the year 2019

Sr. No.	State/UT	2019	
		Farm Labourers	Farmers
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	401	628
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1	0
3	ASSAM	81	26
4	BIHAR	0	0
5	CHHATTISGARH	266	233
6	GOA	1	0
7	GUJARAT	115	3
8	HARYANA	219	0
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4	12
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	31	0
11	JHARKHAND	55	0
12	KARNATAKA	661	1331
13	KERALA	128	22
14	MADHYA PRADESH	399	142
15	MAHARASHTRA	1247	2680
16	MANIPUR	0	0
17	MEGHALAYA	1	0
18	MIZORAM	4	22
19	NAGALAND	1	0
20	ODISHA	0	0
21	PUNJAB	63	239
22	RAJASTHAN	24	2
23	SIKKIM	2	0
24	TAMIL NADU	421	6
25	TELANGANA	8	491
26	TRIPURA	38	0
27	UTTAR PRADESH	153	108
28	UTTARAKHAND	0	0
29	WEST BENGAL	0	0
30	A & N ISLANDS	0	5
31	CHANDIGARH	0	0
32	D & N HAVELI	0	7
33	DAMAN & DIU	0	0
34	DELHI (UT)	0	0
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	0	0
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	4324	5957

Source: Report on 'Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India' for relevant years, National Crime Records Bureau.
