

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

RAJYA SABHA

QUESTION NO 23.04.2003

ANSWERED ON

NHRC CONCERN OVER SUICIDE CASES OF FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government have been hauled up by NHRC for violation of human rights as the cause for the farmers' suicide and forcible collection of dues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role of National Human Rights Commission in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (c): The NHRC had, received four complaints from the State of Andhra Pradesh (three in the year 1997-98 and one in 2001-2002) expressing concern over the suicides committed by farmers in the state of Andhra Pradesh on account of alleged State negligence and failure to implement the State policies. The cases relating to the year 1997-98 have been closed by the Commission after considering the reports of the State authorities. The Commission had also received complaints from the State of Karnataka in the year 2002-2003 and had called for a report from the State authorities. The Commission will after considering the report of the State Government, make appropriate recommendations in accordance with the provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.