

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE BY COTTON FARMERS .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of cotton growing farmers who committed suicide during the last one year;
- (b) the reasons for their taking such an extreme step; and
- (c) the details of measures taken by Government to avert such incidents in future?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): During 2001-02, the Government of Karnataka reported 79 cases of suicide by farmers. For 2001-02, no other State has reported suicide by farmers.

(c): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned to take necessary measures in this regard. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments with financial and logistic support, like input subsidy to small and marginal farmers, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, Kisan Credit Card, etc.