

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

RAJYA SABHA

QUESTION NO 17.12.1998

ANSWERED ON

REPORTS OF SUICIDES COMMITTED BY FARMERS .

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SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether a large number of farmers have committed suicide in the month of November, 1998 in various parts of the country since they were in heavy debt and their crops have been damaged due to natural calamities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the concerned State Governments have failed to protect such farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and steps contemplated by the Union Government to adopt any strategy so that farmers throughout the country are not forced to commit suicide?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SOMPAL)

(a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.