

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 24.11.2006**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDES IN VIDARBHA .**

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Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE/AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government are aware that as many as seven farmers including women committed suicide in a single day in Vidarbha taking the toll to 1045 since June, 2005;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to provide relief to the aggrieved families in Yavatmal region in Yavatmal district;

(c) whether Government are also aware that in the month of October, 2006 only, 112 suicide cases were recorded in the Vidarbha region; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider complete waiver of private as well as Government outstanding loans of farmers, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

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