

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUICIDE BY FARMERS .

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Will the Minister of COAL, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government is aware of the tragic cases of farmers suicides in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh due to indebtedness;
- (b) whether it is a fact that 519 cases of suicides of farmers occurred in just five months in seven districts of Banda, Hamirpur, Jhansi, Lalitpur, Mahoba and Jalaun, in comparison to 568 cases in 12 months of 2009;
- (c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take in solving the problems of farmers like water shortage, bad crop and outstanding bank loans to save farmers lives; and
- (d) the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

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(a) & (b): Government of Uttar Pradesh has not reported incidents of suicide by farmers due to agrarian reasons in Bundelkhand region.

(c) & (d): The Bundelkhand Special Package for drought mitigation is being implemented over a period of three years starting 2009-10 in thirteen districts of Bundelkhand region, including seven districts of Uttar Pradesh. The total approved budgetary outlay for the Package is Rs.7266.00 crore, including Rs.3506.00 crore for Uttar Pradesh. A multi-sectoral approach focussing on water management and livelihood improvement has been adopted. Convergence of various flagship schemes is also envisaged. Government of India has implemented the Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme (ADWDRS), 2008 benefitting about 3.69 crore farmers in the country involving estimated amount of Rs.65,318.33 crore, as per provisional figures. In Uttar Pradesh, 54.16 lakh farmers have been covered under ADWDRS, 2008 with eligible waiver/relief amounting to Rs.9095.11 crore, as per provisional figures.