

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

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that some news related to the suicide by farmers have come to light in different States specially in Andhra Pradesh Karnataka and Kerala;
- (b) if so, the names of such States where from news regarding such suicides by the farmers have been received so far;
- (c) whether Government have ascertained the root cause of these suicides; and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a) & (b): Cases of suicide by farmers have been reported from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tripura. Government of Kerala has reported no case of suicide by farmers in the State.
- (c) & (d): As reported by the States, the main causes for committing suicide by farmers are crop failure, indebtedness due to loans taken at high rate of interest, drought, social and economic insecurity, incurable ailments, addiction to alcohol and family disputes.