GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OFHOME AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO16.03.2011 ANSWERED ON

NCRB DATA REGARDING SUICIDES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is maintaining data regarding accidental deaths, suicide including farmers' suicides taking place in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the State-wise and district-wise total number of such cases reported by the NCRB during each of the last three years, till date;
- (d) whether the estimated data on farmers' suicide collected by NCRB are less than the actual suicide;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the action proposed to be taken by Government to maintain the actual data on such cases including women and tenant farmers in the category of farmers' suicide?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) to (f): The comprehensive data on accidental deaths and suicides in the country on different parameters is collected by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) State-wise and published annually in its annual publication titled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India'. The latest report pertains the year 2009. According to the data collected and compiled by the NCRB, a total of 16632, 16196 and 17368 persons committed suicide in the country during 2007, 2008 & 2009 respectively, who belonged to the category of "Persons employed in farming /agriculture". The NCRB collects and compiles the actual data on Suicides as reported to it by the States/UTs. The NCRB does not maintain separate data on number of suicides committed by farmers. However, out of the total 16632 persons categorized as "Persons employed in farming/agriculture" according to their professional profile, who committed suicide in the country during 2007, 14509 were males while 2123 were females. Similarly in the year 2008, out of the total 16196 such persons who committed suicide in the country, 14145 were males whereas 2051 were females, and during the year 2009, out of the total 17368 such persons who committed suicide in the country, 14951 were males whereas 2417 were females.