

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 28.07.2006  
ANSWERED ON**

**RELIEF PACKAGE FOR SUICIDE PRONE AREAS .**

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SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether any relief package has been announced for the suicide prone areas in the country for the benefit of farmers; and

(b) if so, the districts likely to be covered under that package?

**ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b):A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 83 FOR 28/07/2006 REGARDING RELIEF PACKAGE FOR SUICIDE PRONE AREAS.

(a)&(b):A special package for mitigating the stress of farmers for the six districts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, namely, Wardha, Yevatmal, Amravati, Akola, Buldana, and Washim, was announced by the Prime Minister during his visit of the region from 30th June to 1st July, 2006. The package aims at establishing a sustainable and viable farming and livelihood support system through debt relief to farmers, improved supply of institutional credit, non crop centric and integrated approach to agriculture, assured irrigation facilities, watershed management, better extension and farming support services, improved marketing facilities and subsidiary income opportunities through horticulture, livestock, dairying, fisheries, etc.

The Government is working out the rehabilitation package for the identified districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala, on the lines of the package that has been announced for the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. The districts to be covered in these three States are:

Karnataka - 6 Districts

- Belgaum, Hasan, Chitradurga, Chikmagalur, Kodagu and Shimoga.

Kerala - 3 Districts

- Wayanad, Palakkad and Kasargod.

Andhra Pradesh - 16 Districts

- Prakasam, Guntur, Nellore, Cuddappa, Chittor, Ananthapur, Kurnool, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahbubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Rangareddy and Warangal.