

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 22.03.2002
ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE BY FARMERS .

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SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

to answer to Unstarred Question 1390, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tendency of committing suicide by farmers is on the increase all over the country due to non-payment of loans as a result of crop losses due to damage of crops and not getting appropriate price;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise number of farmers who committed suicide so far;

(d) the measures being taken by Government to check this trend in future; and

(e) whether Government would provide concession to farmers in the rate of interest on loans and special assistance?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Government of Karnataka informed, in November, 2001, 54 cases of suicide by farmers. For 2001-02, no other State has reported suicide by farmers.

(d): Necessary measures are required to be taken by the concerned State Governments in this regard.

(e): As credit is a crucial input for increasing agricultural production and productivity, a multi-agency network consisting of Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks, etc. has been set up. There has been substantial improvement in the flow of Institutional credit. Several reasons which include limited ability to mobilize resources, low levels of recovery of the loans advanced, high transaction costs and frequent suspensions of recovery have affected the Cooperative Credit Structure. A number of measures have been initiated, including Kisan Credit Cards, in the matter.