

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 24.07.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDE BY FARMERS .**

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SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE/AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of farmers who have committed suicide till date after the declaration of Debt Relief and Loan Waiver Scheme, 2008, State-wise;
- (b) whether any analysis has been made of the causes that led to these suicides; and
- (c) if so, the conclusions thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c):A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 316 FOR 24/07/2009 REGARDING SUICIDE BY FARMERS.

(a) to (c):Incidence of suicides by farmers has been reported mainly from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala. The State-wise information as received from the State Governments is given below:

S.No. Name of the State Period Suicides due to agrarian reasons#

1. Andhra Pradesh 2009 (upto June) 04
2. Karnataka 2008-09 113
3. Maharashtra 2009 (upto 18.06.09) 71
4. Kerala 2009 (upto May) 01
5. Tamil Nadu 2008-09 (upto Dec.) 01
6. Punjab 2009 11

All other States and Union Territories have reported NIL information relating to suicide by farmers # Does not include cases under enquiry.

As reported by the State Governments and revealed in some studies conducted earlier, the causes for suicides by farmers are manifold including personal and other reasons. However, some suicides out of the total number of suicides have been attributed to crop failure, indebtedness, drought and socio-economic reasons. As per information made available by State Governments, the number of suicides by farmers has come down in the year 2008-09 as compared to earlier years.