

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 12.05.2006**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDES BY FARMERS IN PUNJAB .**

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Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT LAW & JUSTICE AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers have committed suicide due to debt stress in Punjab also during the past years like the farmers of the other States;

(b) if not, whether it is a fact that this matter has been brought into the notice of Government by the present Chief Minister of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard till now?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): As reported by the State Government, there were two cases of suicide by farmers in Punjab during the year 2003-04. This is due to various reasons like non-payment of loan from Arhtia/Bank loans and tension in family, etc.; however, it has been stated to be difficult to explain the phenomenon to a single cause.

The State Government has set up a Punjab State Farmers' Commission to find ways and means to rejuvenate Punjab's economy. It will also look into the issue of suicide by farmers in the State, its causes and will suggest remedial measures including rehabilitation and compensation to the affected persons/families, etc.