

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 23.11.2000**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDE BY FARMERS .**

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS, AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether, for the third time in two years, farmers in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh are resorting to suicides after their crops had failed;
- (b) if so, the number of deaths reported during this year; and
- (c) the measures proposed to assist farmers facing drought conditions and compensation proposed to be given to the families of affected farmers?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a): As per reports received, farmers in some districts of Andhra Pradesh are resorting to suicides after their crops failed. No such reports have been received from the other States.
- (b): Two in Adilabad district, six in Mehboobnagar district and fourteen in Warangal district.
- (c): Entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2000-01 amounting to Rs.148.54 crore has been released to Andhra Pradesh for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. Farmers are eligible for input subsidy in the event of failure of crops due to natural calamities in accordance with the norms and guidelines for assistance under CRF. The Government has also introduced National Agricultural Insurance Scheme to protect farmers against natural calamities.