

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 10.12.1998**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDE BY FARMERS .**

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Will the Minister of POWER, RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of farmers who have committed suicide in different States during 1998 (upto November 1998);
- (b) whether Government have made any in-depth study to examine suicide by farmers;
- (c) if so, the findings of such a study; and
- (d) the details of steps taken to prevent suicide by farmers especially small and marginal farmers?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL)

(a) to (d); The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.