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ANSWERED ON
PACKAGES FOR FAMILIES OF FARMERS COMMITTED SUICIDES .

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SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Hon`ble Prime Minister has announced huge packages to help the families of the farmers who committed suicides;
- (b) whether these packages and help would be extended to the other States like Andhra Pradesh where farmers suicide is a phenomena; and
- (c) whether this is going to solve the agrarian crisis in our country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): A special package for mitigating the stress of farmers for the six districts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, namely, Wardha, Yavatmal, Amravati, Akola, Buldana, and Washim, was announced by the Hon`ble Prime Minister during his visit of the region from 30th June to 1st July, 2006. The package aims at establishing a sustainable and viable farming and livelihood support system through debt relief to farmers, improved supply of institutional credit, crop centric approach to agriculture, assured irrigation facilities, watershed management, better extension and farming support services, improved marketing facilities and subsidiary income opportunities through horticulture, livestock, dairying, fisheries, etc. Similar package would be extended to the identified districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala.

The implementation of the package is expected to mitigate the distress condition of farmers.