

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON**

SUICIDES COMMITTED BY FARMERS IN KARNATAKA .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government are aware of suicides committed by farmers in Karnataka due to indebtedness; if so, the number of farmers who committed suicides during the last four months;
- (b) whether Government have provided any relief by way of financial assistance to the families of such farmers; if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what measures Government are taking/have taken to prevent farmers from indebtedness?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Government of Karnataka has reported 29 suicidal deaths which includes 13 as a result of damage to crops. The State Government has sanctioned ex-gratia of Rs. 1.00 lakh each in 13 suicide cases and has also released Rs. 4.00 crore as one time assistance in the form of input subsidy to the affected small and marginal farmers.

It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to provide relief to the people affected by natural calamities. The Government of India provides additional assistance. If any, from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR), in the event of calamities of rare severity.