

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 14.12.2000
ANSWERED ON**

SUICIDE BY FARMERS IN ORISSA DUE TO DROUGHT .

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Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that 70 years old farmer of Bisudka Village in Lakhanpur block of Jharsuguda district of Orissa committed suicide after he visited his drought ravaged paddy field on 15th November, 2000;
- (b) has Government got the detailed report of drought situation in Orissa; and
- (c) what is the total amount allotted to Orissa to meet the drought situation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a) No report in this regard has been received from the Government of Orissa.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) An allocation of Rs.109.47 crore has been made to Orissa under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2000-01, which includes Central share of Rs.82.10 crore, for undertaking relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. Central share of CRF amounting to Rs.41.05 crore has been released to the State. In addition, funds have been released to the State under related schemes/programmes implemented by various Central Ministries/Departments.