

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 24.08.2007
ANSWERED ON
ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SUICIDE BELT .

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DEVELOPMENTAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a)the reason for not processing the additional funds allocated for farmers in the suicide belt of Vidarbha;
- (b)what is the actual additional amount required for farmers in the suicide belt of Vidarbha; and
- (c)when the fund is expected to be finally released?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a):No such proposal is pending with the Government.
- (b) & (c):Do not arise. However, Government of India has already approved a Rehabilitation Package amounting to Rs.3873.26 crore for the farmers in six identified suicide prone districts of Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra namely Akola, Wardha, Amravati, Buldana, Wasim and Yavatmal. Upto 27th July, 2007, Rs.771.26 crore and Rs.1078.37 crore has been released by the Government of India and State Government of Maharashtra respectively for the implementation of the Rehabilitation package