

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

**NCF RECOMMENDATION ON CREDIT REFORMS AND SUICIDE CENSUS .**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission of Farmers has called for credit reforms in the farming sector to prevent farmers from committing suicides;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that it has called for proper census of suicides of farmers in the country so as to understand the situation better for better working;
- (c) what are the recommendations made by the Commission;
- (d) whether Government have examined those recommendations; and
- (e) if so, the decision taken thereon?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The National Commission on Farmers in its Second Interim Report submitted to the Government recently has recommended the following credit related measures:

(i) Initiate a Paradigm shift from Micro-finance to Livelihood Finance;

(ii) Debt survey to take into account newer forms of credit and indebtedness and newer forms of bondage;

(iii) Decide on cut-off for Debt waiver in consultation with Panchayats and farmers` representatives in the distress hotspot areas; and

(iv) Examine revival of lapsed insurance policies

In this Report, the Commission has also recommended the need for conducting census of suicides to have a proper understanding, assessment of reasons and count of suicides.

(d) & (e): The consultation process has already begun for firming up the Government`s decision in the matter.