

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

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ANSWERED ON

REVIEW OF SITUATION PREVAILING IN SUICIDE HIT AREAS .

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT LAW & JUSTICE AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that several farmers especially in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh committed suicide in the last few months;

(b) whether Government have conducted any review of the situation prevailing broadly with agriculturists across the country with a view to identifying the most vulnerable ones among them, in particular, due to crop failure, price crash, etc. and evolving a rescue package to enable them to overcome the difficult situation and prevent suicides;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a):Recent cases of suicide by farmers in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, as reported by the State Governments, are as follows:

State	Period	No. of suicide by farmers
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Andhra Pradesh	2004-05 (14.4.05 to 11.11.05)	1068
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Maharashtra	2005	142
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(b) to (d): The incidents of suicide by farmers is under review by the Government and the Government of India is in touch with the State Governments concerned in this regard. Recently a meeting was held at Hyderabad on 10th April, 2006 with the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra, in connection with drawing up a package for the districts worst affected by the incidence of suicide by farmers. The package would address their credit, insurance, irrigation and subsidiary income needs, through dairy, poultry and horticulture.