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**MINISTRY OF FINANCE**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**CREATION OF FUND TO STOP SUICIDE BY FARMERS**

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(a)what are the steps taken by Government to stop the. large number of suicides being committed by farmers;

(b)whether Government have given any compensation to the families of the farmers who committed suicides; and

(c)whether Government propose to create a fund to help farmers in distress and thus avoid suicides?

## **ANSWER**

(MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE}

(SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (c): Keeping in view the extreme conditions of the farmers in the 31 districts in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra, Government is implementing a comprehensive Rehabilitation Package which., inter-alia, includes ex-gratia assistance, from Prime Minister National Relief Fund and Debt Relief Package for farmer. The main items of the package are as under:

(i)The entire interest on overdue loans as on 01.07.2006 will be waived in the 31 affected districts such that all farmers will have no past interest burden as on that date. This should immediately make them eligible for fresh loan from the banking system. The burden of interest waived will be shared equally by the State Government and the Central Government in the ratio 50:50.

(ii)The overdue loans of the farmers as on 01.07.2005 will be rescheduled over a period of 3-5 years with a one year moratorium.

(iii)A credit flow of Rs. 13,817.78 crore, Rs.3,076.20 crore, Rs. 1,945.07 crore and Rs. 1275 crores will be ensured in the above debt stressed districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra respectively in 2006-07.