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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.667
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18/09/2020

SUICIDE BY FARMERS AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many farmers and agricultural labourers have committed suicide in different states due to debt burden and other factors, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the numbers of farmers and agricultural labourers who committed suicide in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs compiles and disseminates information on suicides in its publication titled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' (ADSI). These Reports on suicides upto 2019 are available on its website. The state-wise data on suicide committed by farmers due to indebtedness and bankruptcy during 2014 and 2015 is at **Annexure-I**. However, the data on suicide committed by farmers due to indebtedness and bankruptcy is not available from the year 2016 onward.

(b): The state-wise data on suicide committed by farmers and agricultural labourers during 2016 to 2019 is at **Annexure-II**.

State-wise and year-wise details of Farmers suicide
due to indebtedness and bankruptcy, for the year 2014 and 2015

	State/UT	2014	2015
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	36	154
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0
3	ASSAM	0	0
4	BIHAR	0	0
5	CHHATTISGARH	0	3
6	GOA	0	0
7	GUJARAT	0	0
8	HARYANA	0	0
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	0
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	0
11	JHARKHAND	0	0
12	KARNATAKA	51	946
13	KERALA	5	1
14	MADHYA PRADESH	1	13
15	MAHARASHTRA	857	1293
16	MANIPUR	0	0
17	MEGHALAYA	0	0
18	MIZORAM	0	0
19	NAGALAND	0	0
20	ODISHA	1	2
21	PUNJAB	3	51
22	RAJASTHAN	0	0
23	SIKKIM	0	0
24	TAMIL NADU	0	0
25	TELANGANA	208	632
26	TRIPURA	0	0
27	UTTAR PRADESH	0	2
28	UTTARAKHAND	0	0
29	WEST BENGAL	0	0
30	A & N ISLANDS	0	0
31	CHANDIGARH	0	0
32	D & N HAVELI	0	0
33	DAMAN & DIU	0	0
34	DELHI (UT)	0	0
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	0	0
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	1163	3097

Source: Report on 'Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India' for relevant years, National Crime Records Bureau.

Annexure-II

State-wise and year-wise details of Farmers suicide and Agricultural Labourers, for the year 2016-2019

	State/UT	2016		2017		2018		2019	
		Farm Labourers	Farmers	Farm Labourers	Farmers	Farm Labourers	Farmers	Farm Labourers	Farmers
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	565	239	441	375	299	365	401	628
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	6	2	0	4	0	1	0
3	ASSAM	64	6	46	3	50	5	81	26
4	BIHAR	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	CHHATTISGARH	97	585	217	285	285	182	266	233
6	GOA	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
7	GUJARAT	378	30	129	4	111	21	115	3
8	HARYANA	250	0	109	0	104	0	219	0
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	14	0	3	4	12	5	4	12
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	21	0	1	0	21	5	31	0
11	JHARKHAND	0	3	79	0	58	0	55	0
12	KARNATAKA	867	1212	1003	1157	1040	1365	661	1331
13	KERALA	298	23	257	42	186	25	128	22
14	MADHYA PRADESH	722	599	526	429	352	303	399	142
15	MAHARASHTRA	1111	2550	1275	2426	1355	2239	1247	2680
16	MANIPUR	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
17	MEGHALAYA	3	2	6	0	0	0	1	0
18	MIZORAM	7	0	0	0	0	17	4	22
19	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
20	ODISHA	101	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	PUNJAB	48	232	48	243	94	229	63	239
22	RAJASTHAN	39	4	69	3	18	2	24	2
23	SIKKIM	2	12	4	7	8	1	2	0
24	TAMIL NADU	345	36	369	19	395	6	421	6
25	TELANGANA	13	632	5	846	8	900	8	491
26	TRIPURA	18	4	15	0	10	0	38	0
27	UTTAR PRADESH	115	69	93	110	174	80	153	108
28	UTTARAKHAND	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	WEST BENGAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	A & N ISLANDS	0	3	0	2	0	4	0	5
31	CHANDIGARH	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
32	D & N HAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
33	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	DELHI (UT)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	5109	6270	4700	5955	4586	5763	4324	5957

Source: Report on 'Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India' for relevant years, National Crime Records Bureau.
