

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
FARMER S SUICIDES .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of farmers committing suicide during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether Government have identified the suicide prone areas and have sorted out the reasons behind the trend; and
- (c) steps Government contemplate to take in order to curb the menace effectively?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a):A statement on the number of farmers committing suicide because of agriculture-related reasons from the year 2003, as reported by the State Governments, is enclosed.

(b)&(c):The Government of India has recently approved a rehabilitation package for 31 identified suicide prone districts in the four States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala. The rehabilitation package involves a total amount of Rs.16978.69 crore. The package aims at establishing a sustainable and viable farming and livelihood support system through debt relief to farmers, improved supply of institutional credit, crop centric approach to agriculture, assured irrigation facilities, watershed management, better extension and farming support services, and subsidiary income opportunities through horticulture, livestock, dairying, fisheries etc.

Statement showing cases of suicide by farmers

S.No. Name of the State Period No. (Based on the figures reported by State Governments)

1.	Andhra Pradesh	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006 (January to November)
		393	1126	300	138
2.	Karnataka	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (upto Nov., 06)
		708	271	152	77
3.	Maharashtra	2003	2004	2005	2006 (upto November)
		170	620	572	1228
4.	Punjab	2003	2004	2005	
		13	11	6	
5.	Kerala	2003	2004	2005	2006 (upto November)
		74	135	120	146
6.	Gujarat	2003	2004	2005	2006 (upto May)
		3	7	7	1

Note: For Maharashtra, the figures for the period July to November, 2006 are only in respect of six districts of the Vidarbha region, namely, Akola, Wardha, Amravati,

Buldana, Wasim and
Yavatmal, and includes the eligible cases indicated by the State Government.