

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

RAJYA SABHA

QUESTION NO 30.11.2007

ANSWERED ON

SUICIDE BY FARMERS DURING LAST ONE DECADE .

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Shri Ram Jethmalani

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that the period of farmers committing suicides has started since almost last one decade;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of suicides committed by farmers during 2001 to 2005 is higher than the number of such cases during 1997 to 2001; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of suicide cases reported in above said periods?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c):A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 238 FOR 30/11/2007 REGARDING SUICIDE BY FARMERS DURING LAST ONE DECADE.

(a) to (c):The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs started reporting the data regarding suicides by farmers under the category `self- employed (farming/agriculture)` in their publication titled `Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India`, since the year 1995. As per the said report, the average number of suicides by farmers in a year as mentioned under the category `self-employed (farming/agriculture)` for the period 1997-2001 was about 15,747 compared to about 17,384 for the period 2001-2005. The year-wise data for the period 1997-2005 under the head `self employed

(farming/agriculture)` in the NCRB reports is annexed. However, these suicides are not necessarily due to agriculture related reasons.

ANNEXURE

NUMBER OF SUICIDES REPORTED UNDER THE HEAD `SELF EMPLOYED

(FARMING/AGRICULTURE)` IN THE REPORTS OF NATIONAL CRIME RECORDS BUREAU

YEAR	NUMBER
1997	13622
1998	16015
1999	16082
2000	16603
2001	16415
2002	17971
2003	17164
2004	18241
2005	17131